JUMP COMICS

●霧の中の攻防

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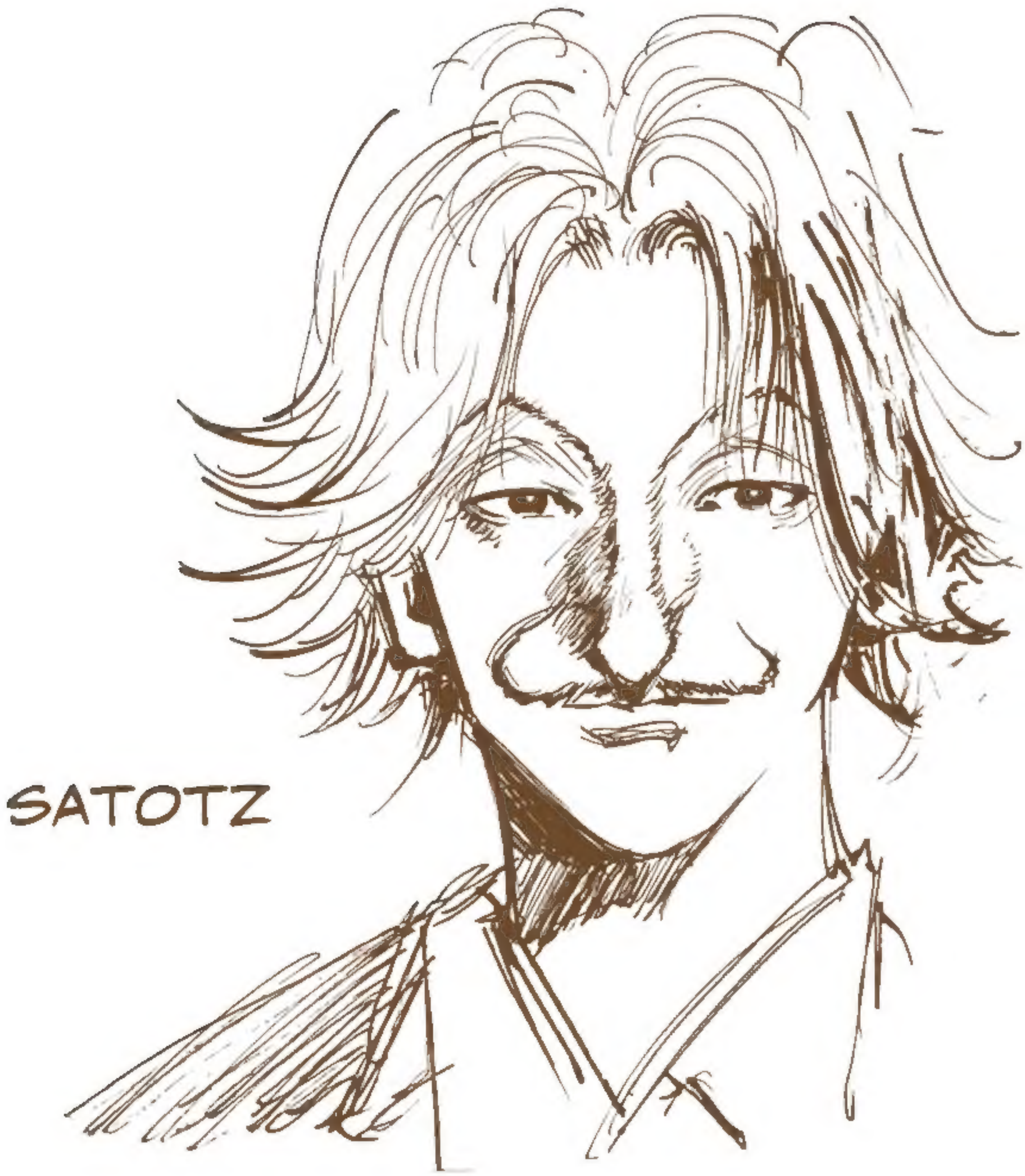
# No.009 ◆ A STRUGGLE IN THE MIST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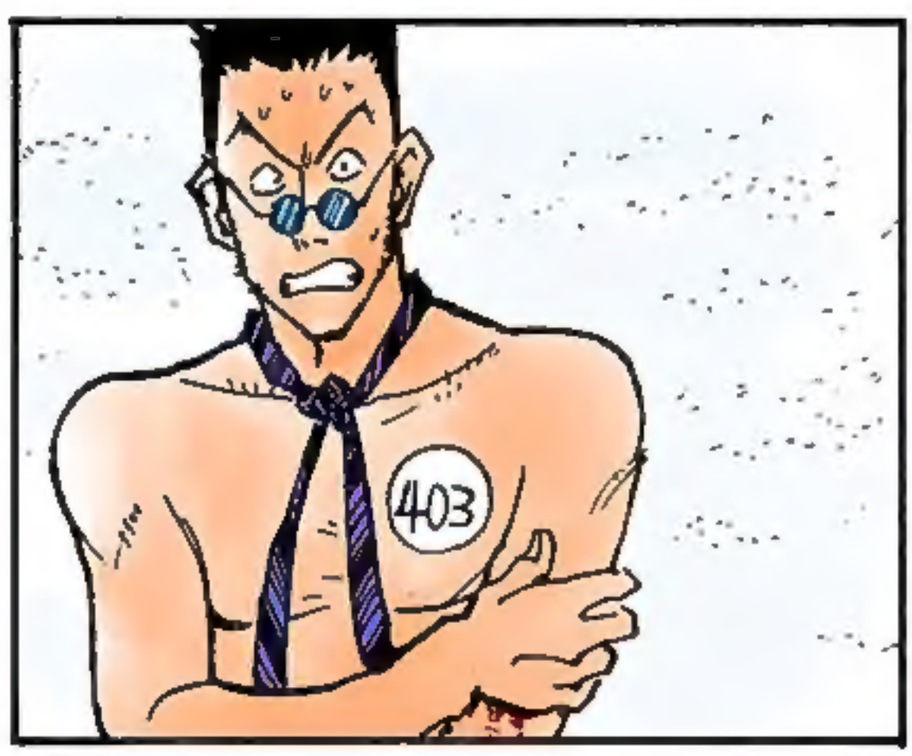


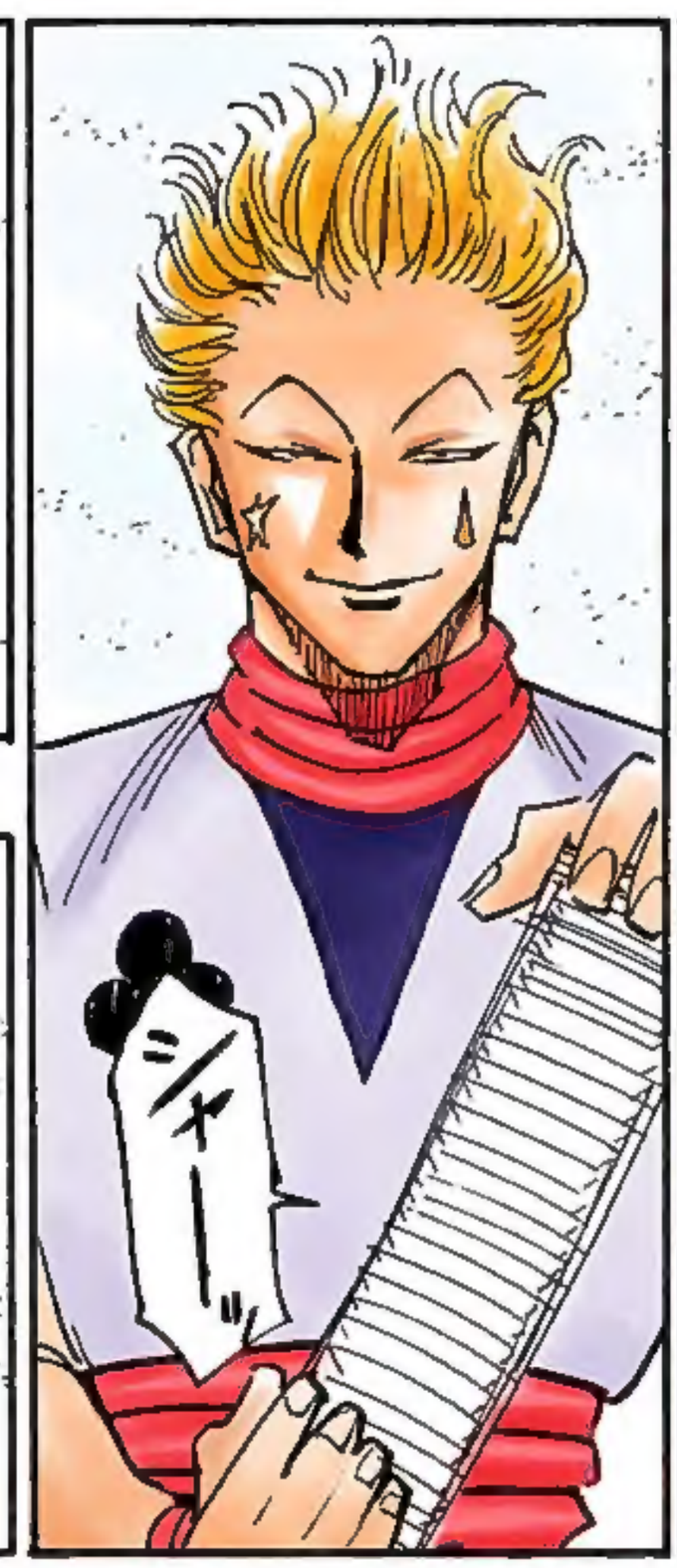

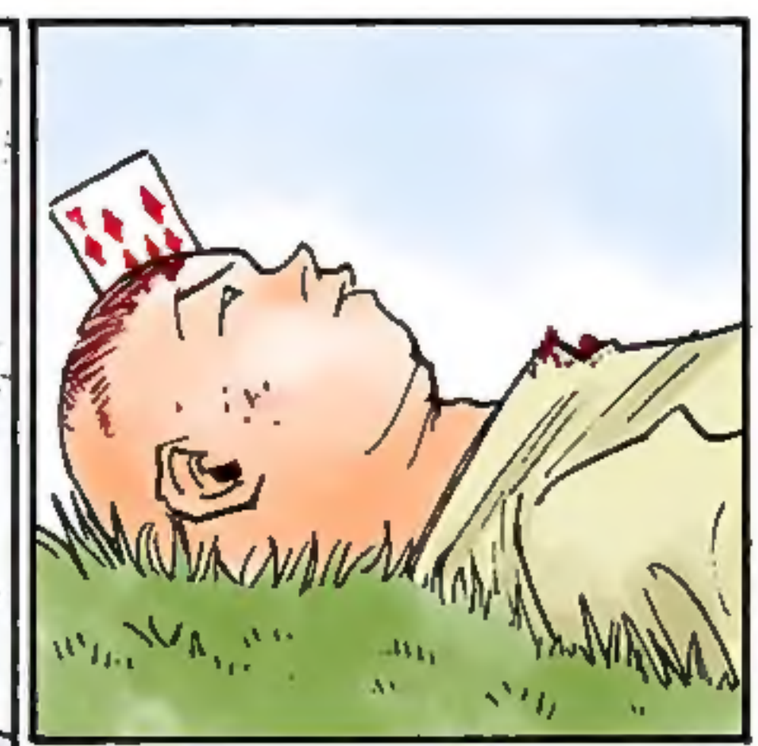

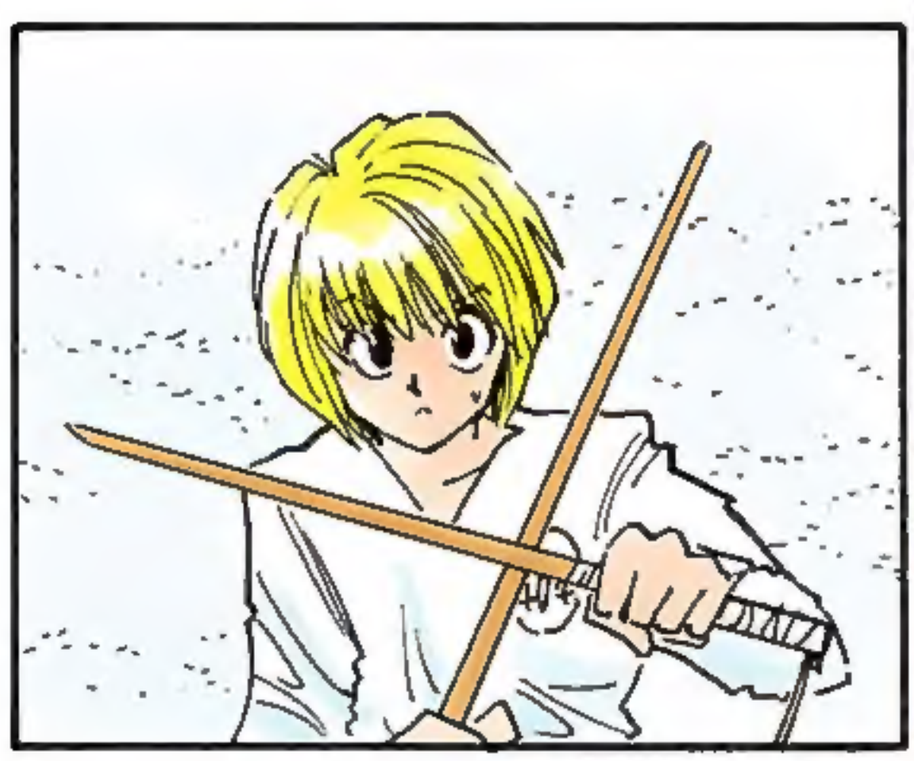

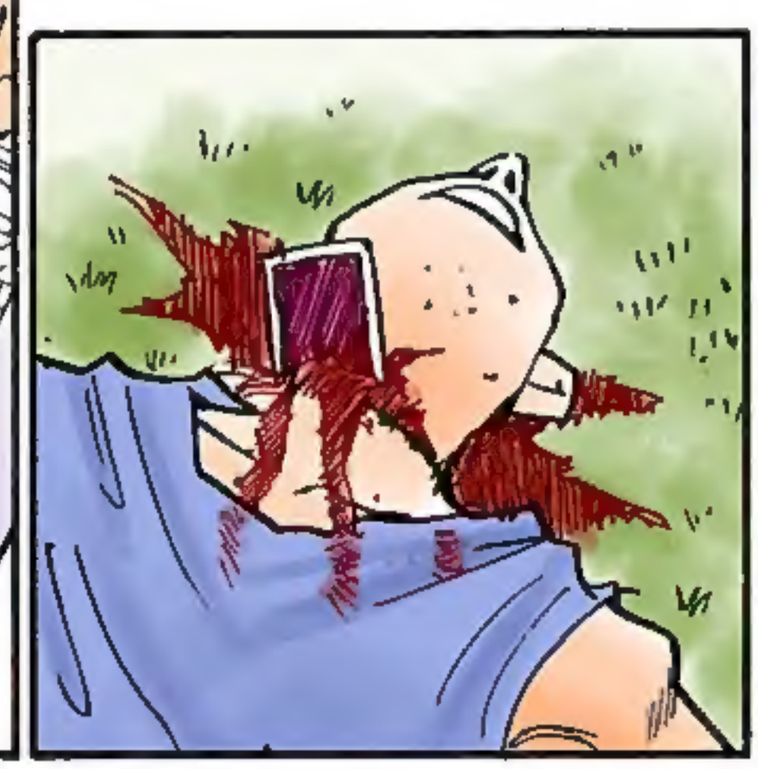

SO I THOUGHT I'D HELP OUT WITH THE EXAM SELECTION. ◆

BUT I GOT TOO BORED. ♠

I TOLD MYSELF TO KEEP CALM TILL THE SECOND PHASE.

SO LET'S SEE WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A HUNTER. ♣

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HOW RUDE OF YOU. ♠

BUHG …

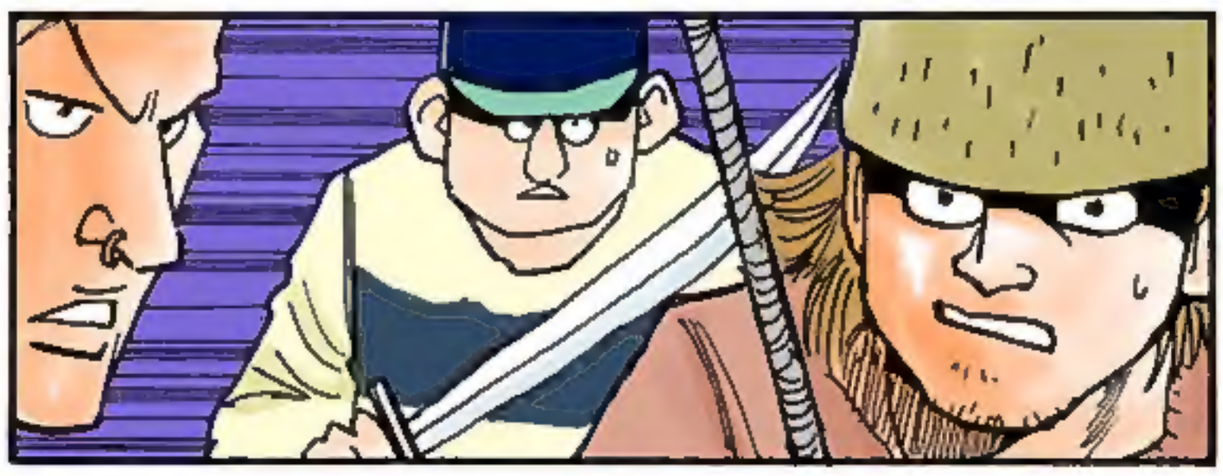
DON'T COMPARE ME TO THE LIKES OF YOU. ◆

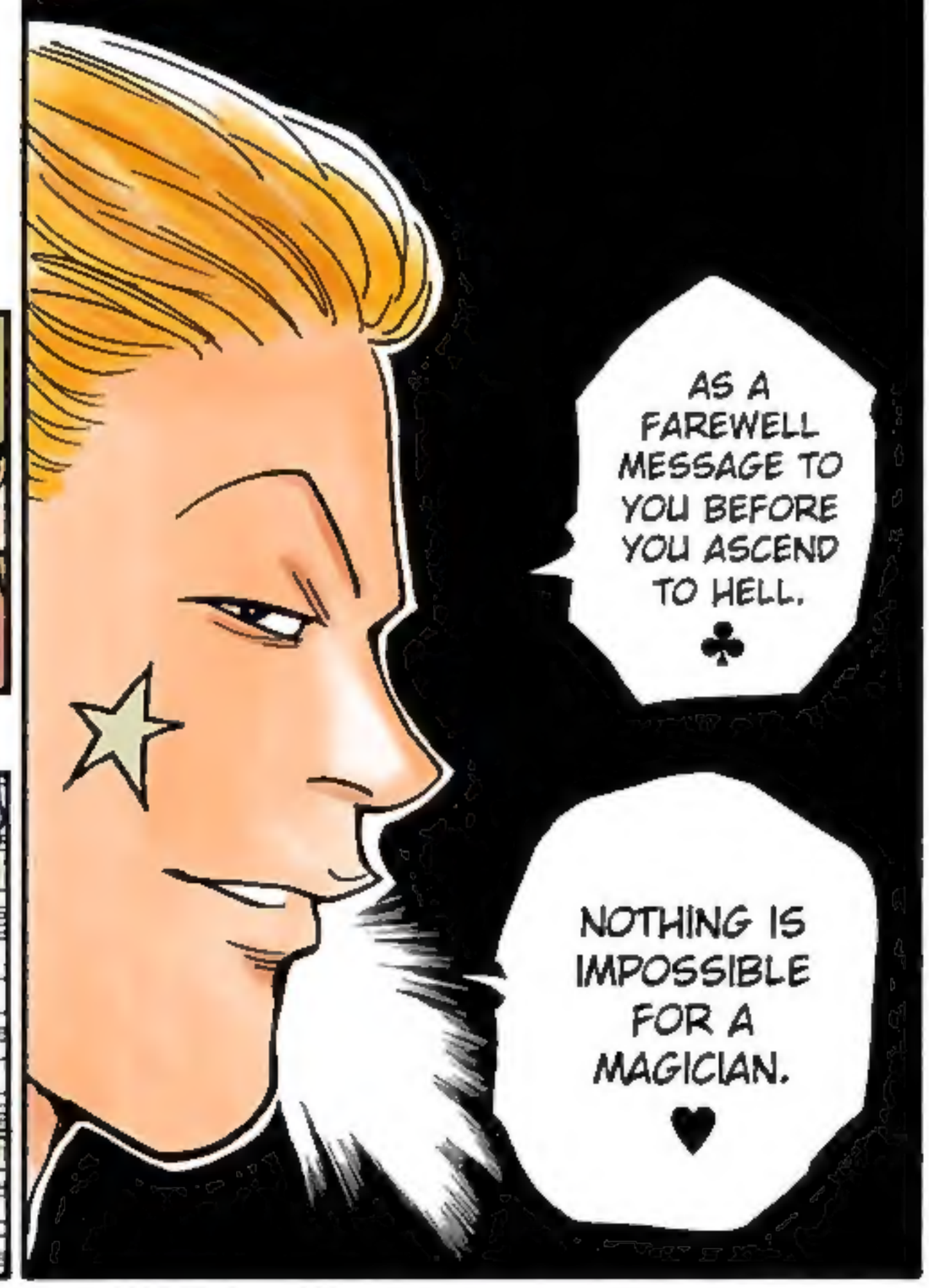
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'VE FAILED, JUST LIKE THE REST OF US!!

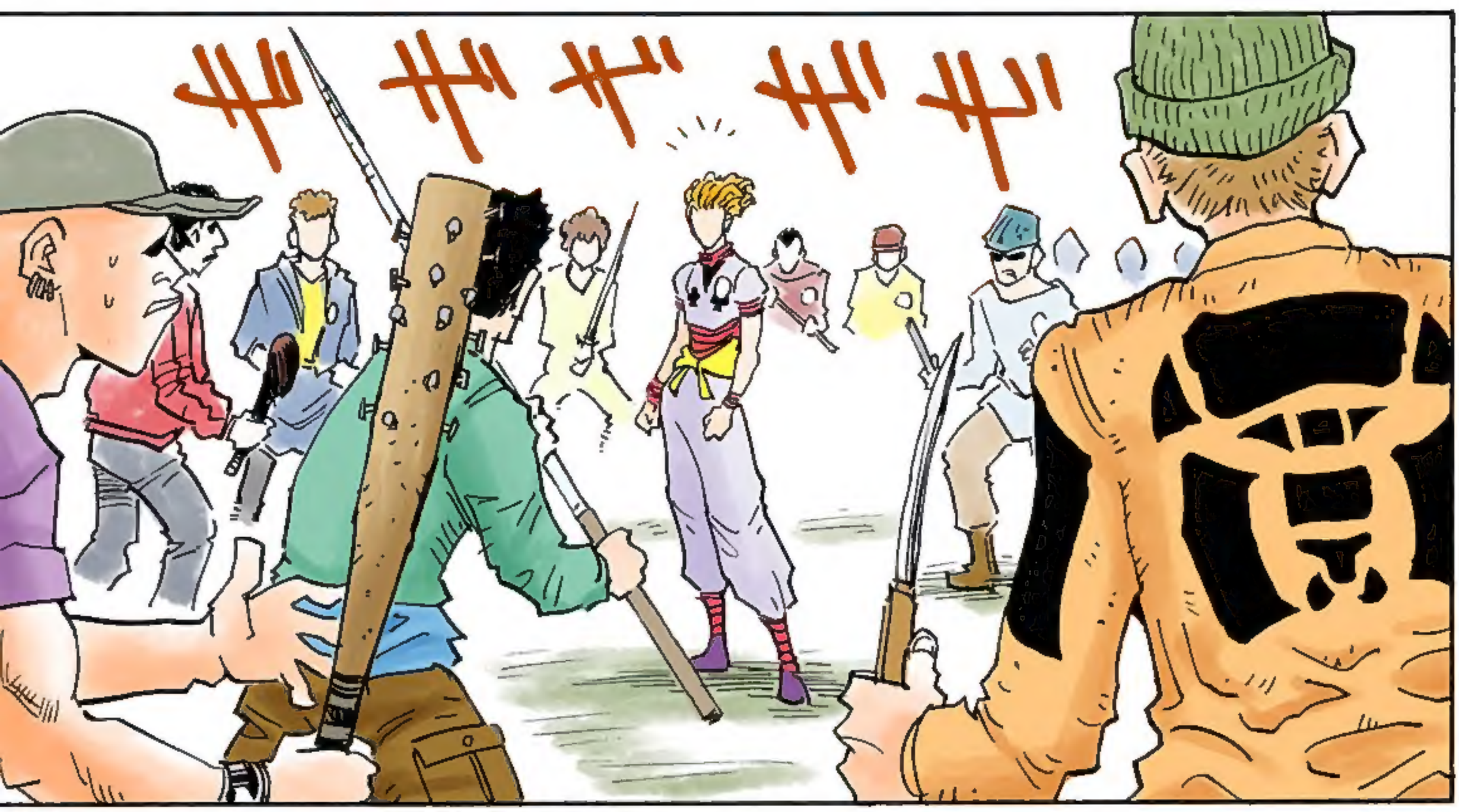
YOU STUPID BASTARD. LOOK AT ALL THIS FOG.

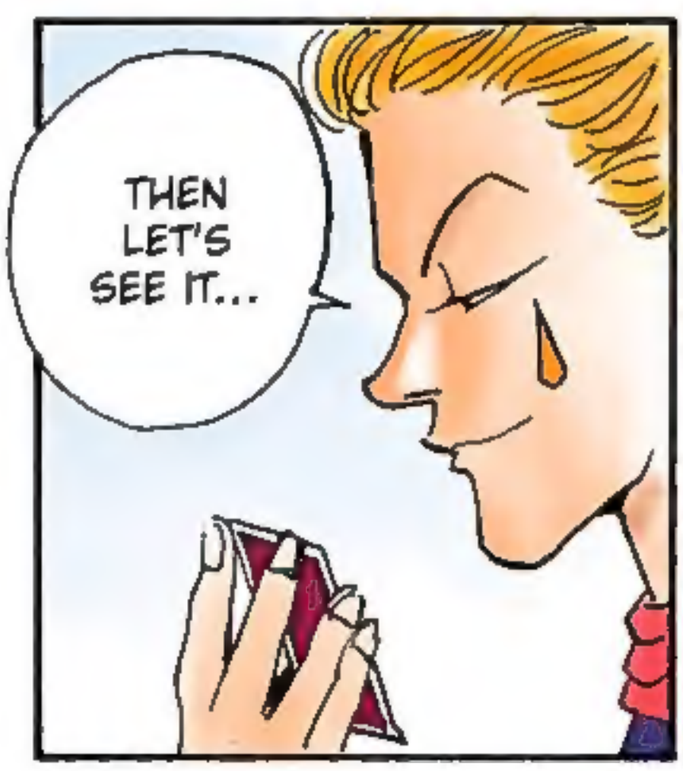
JUDGE US? HAHAHA, IDIOT.

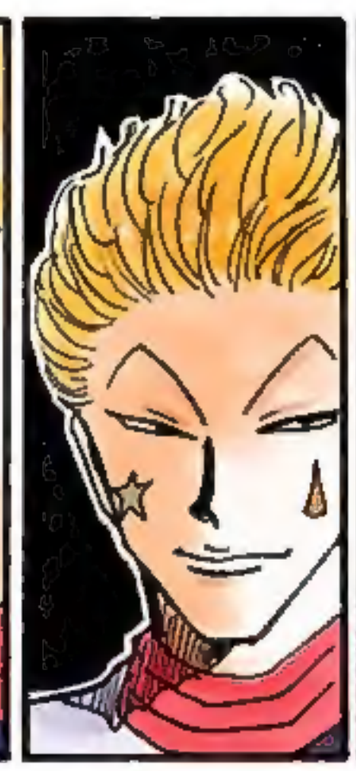
ONCE YOU ARE SEPARATED FROM THE OTHERS, THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL FIND THE EXAMINER TO FOLLOW!!

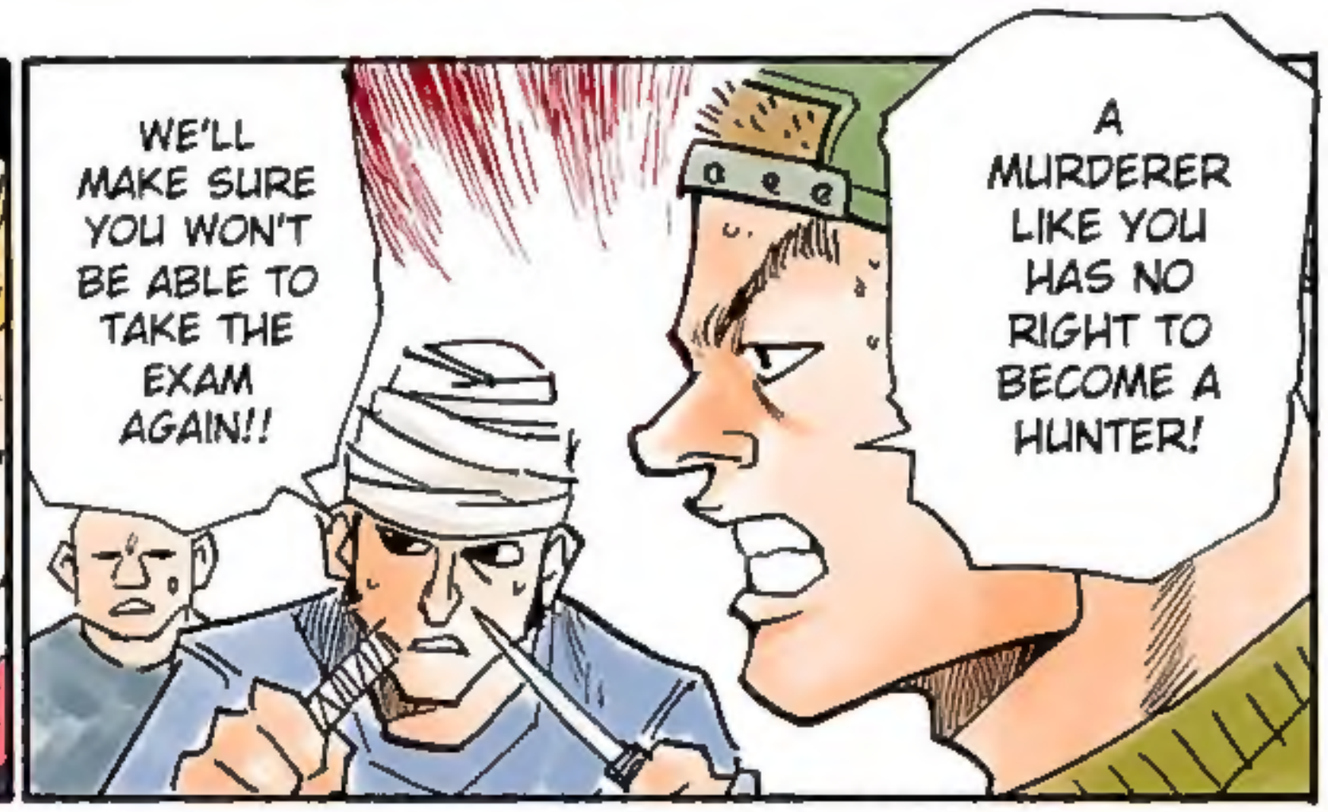



AS A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO YOU BEFORE YOU ASCEND TO HELL.
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MAGICIAN.




THEN LET'S SEE IT...




WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE THE EXAM AGAIN!!
A MURDERER LIKE YOU HAS NO RIGHT TO BECOME A HUNTER!

DON'T BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT ...!!

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I SAY ONE CARD WILL BE ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU ALL ON.

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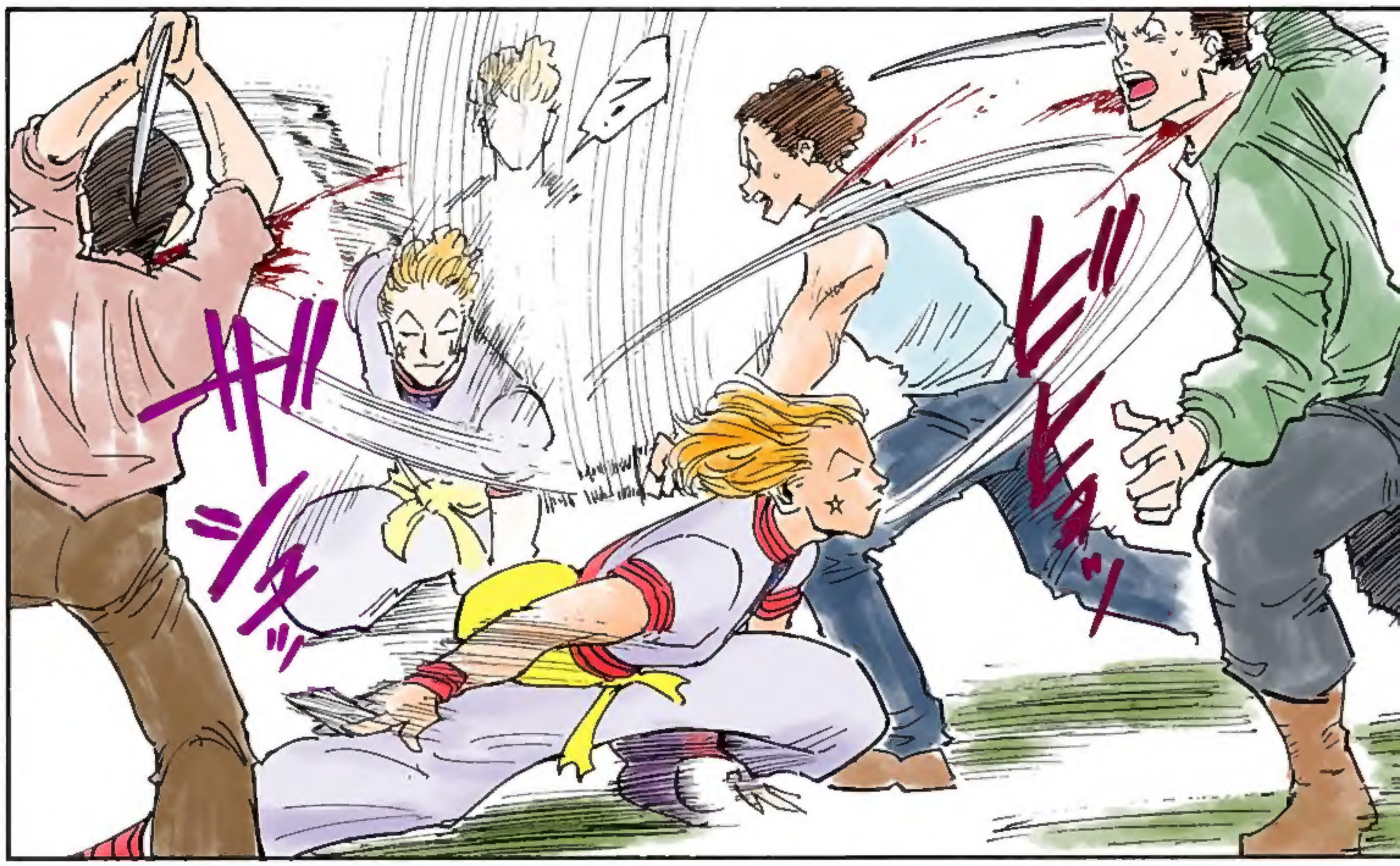

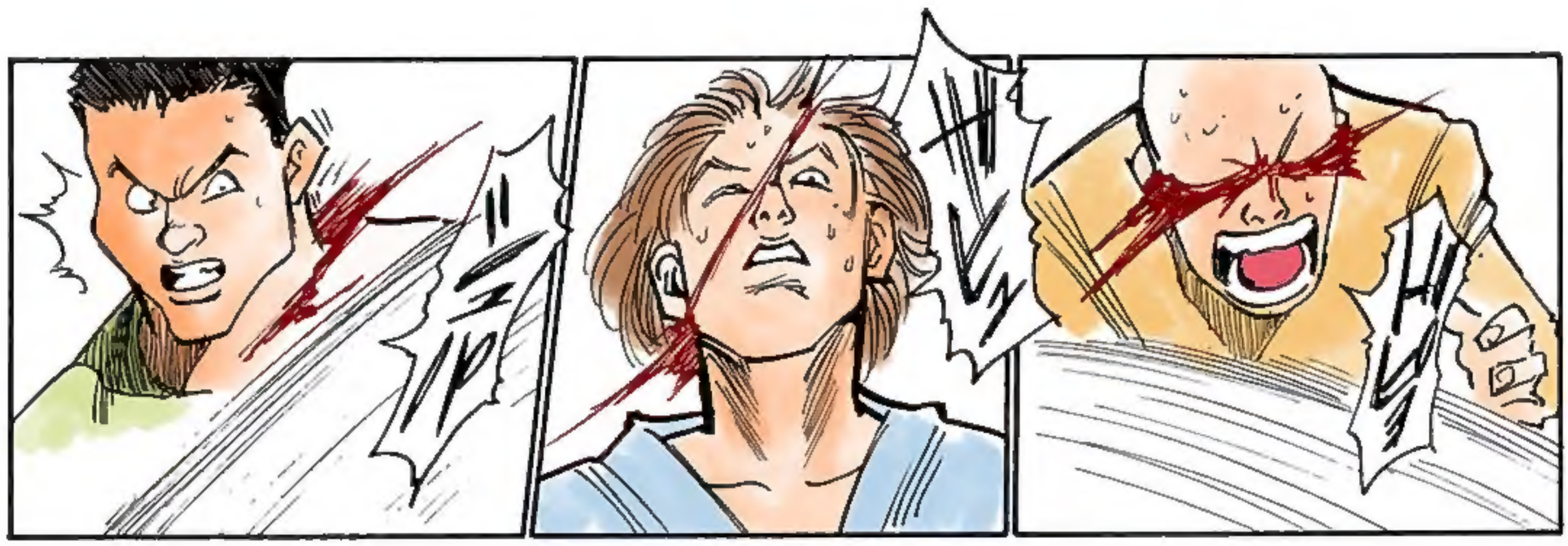

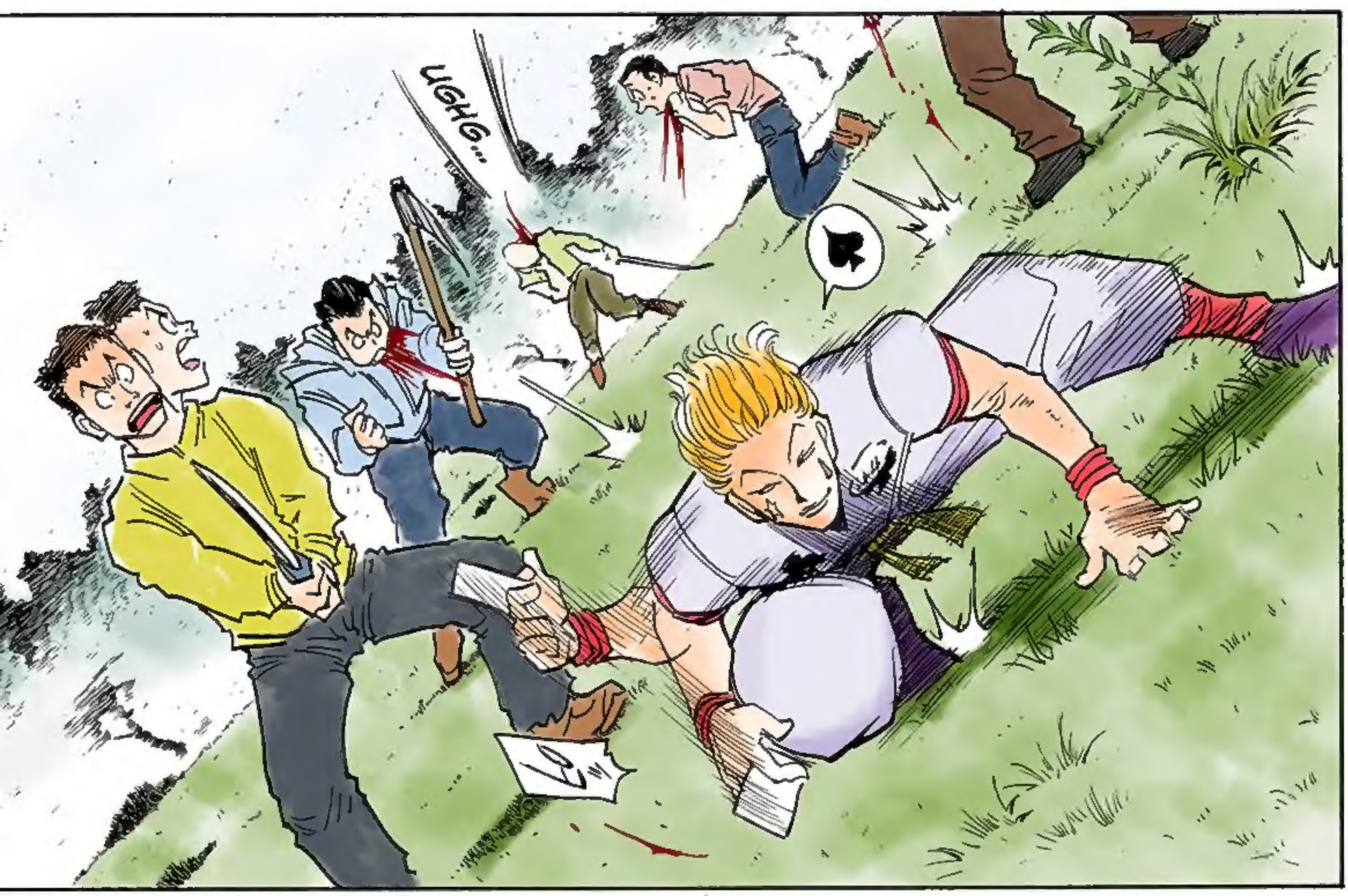
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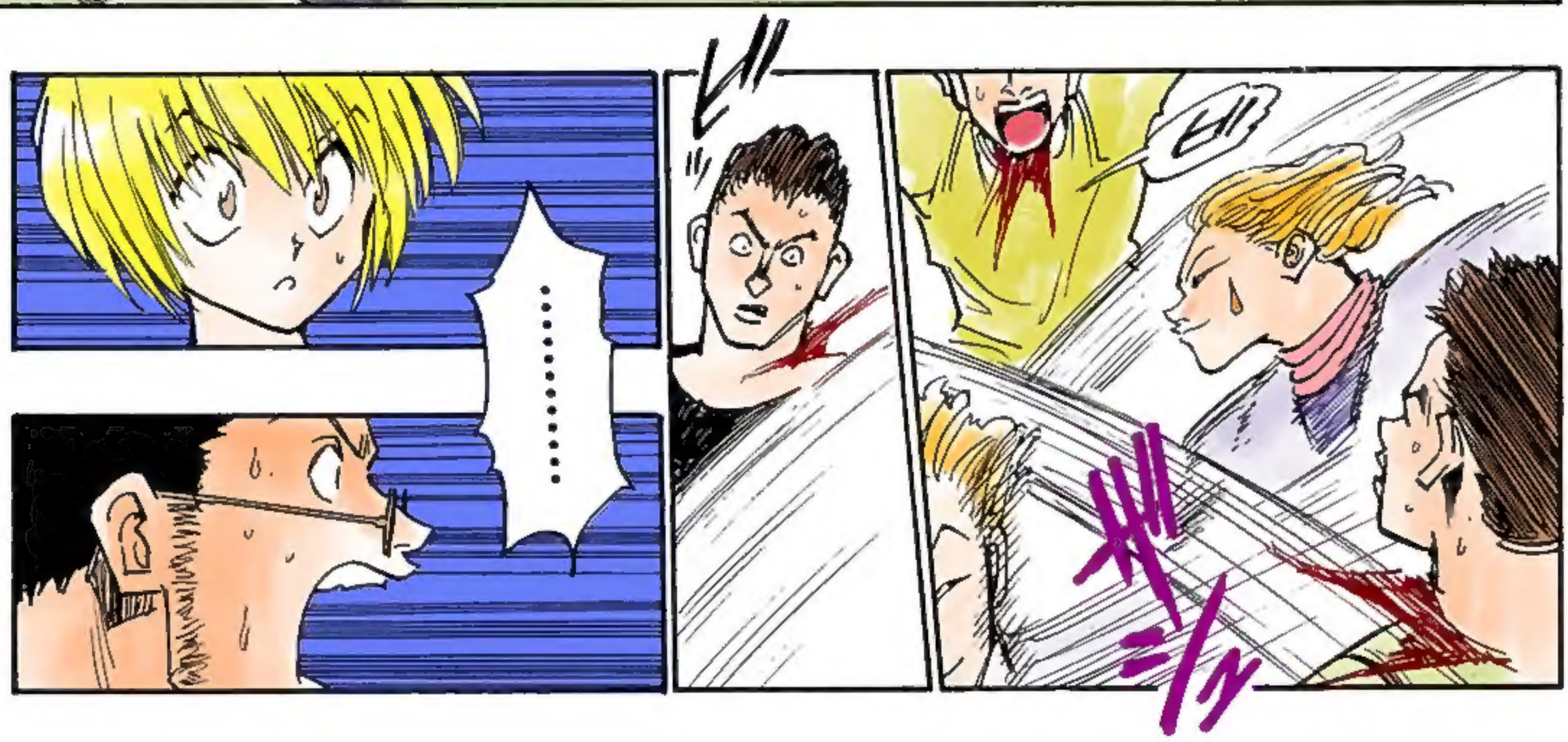
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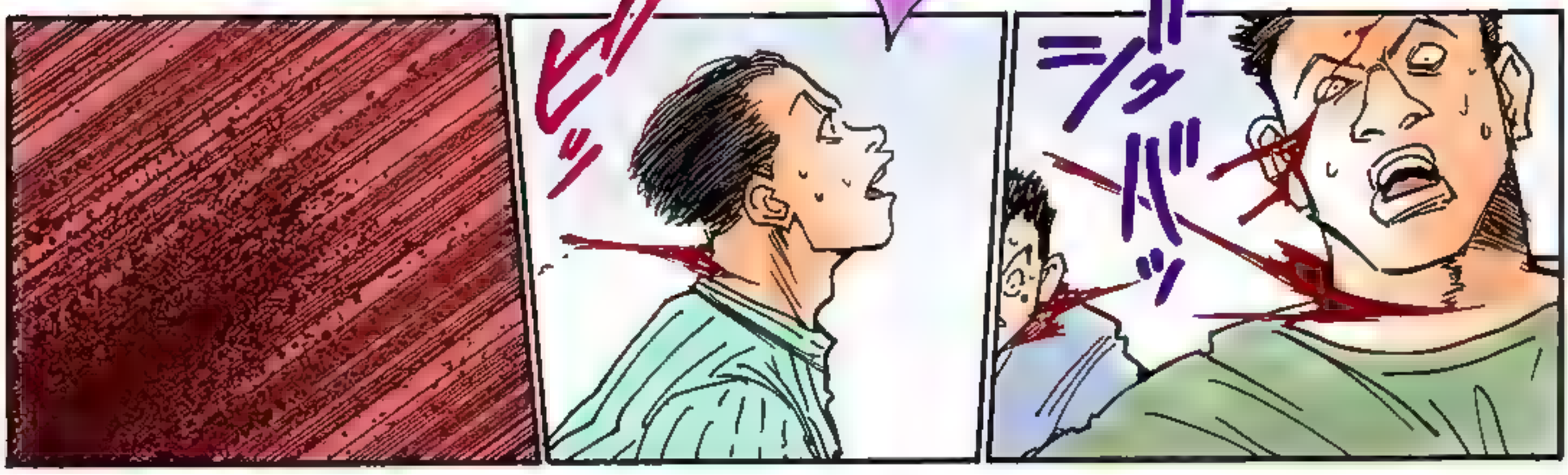
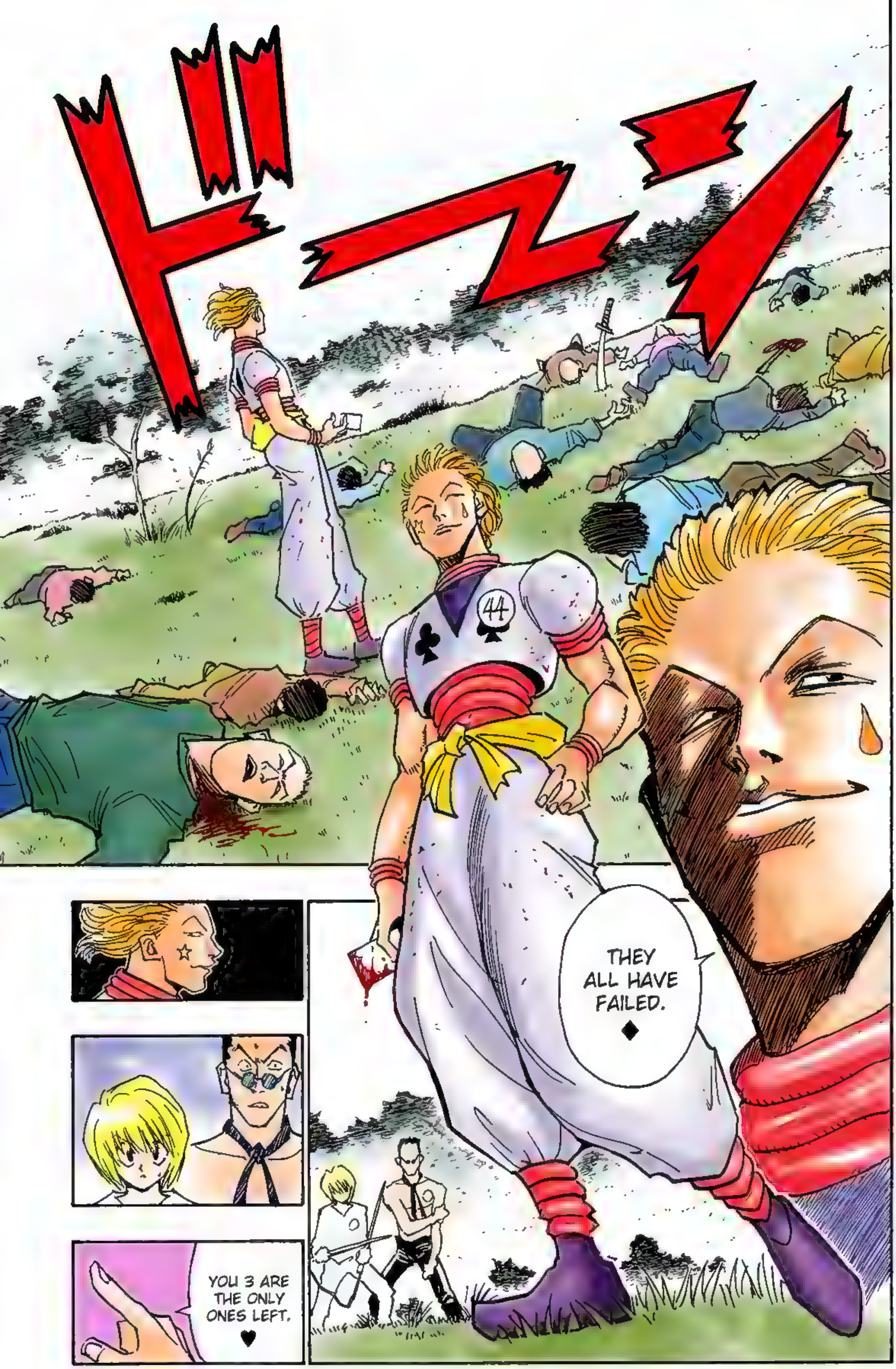
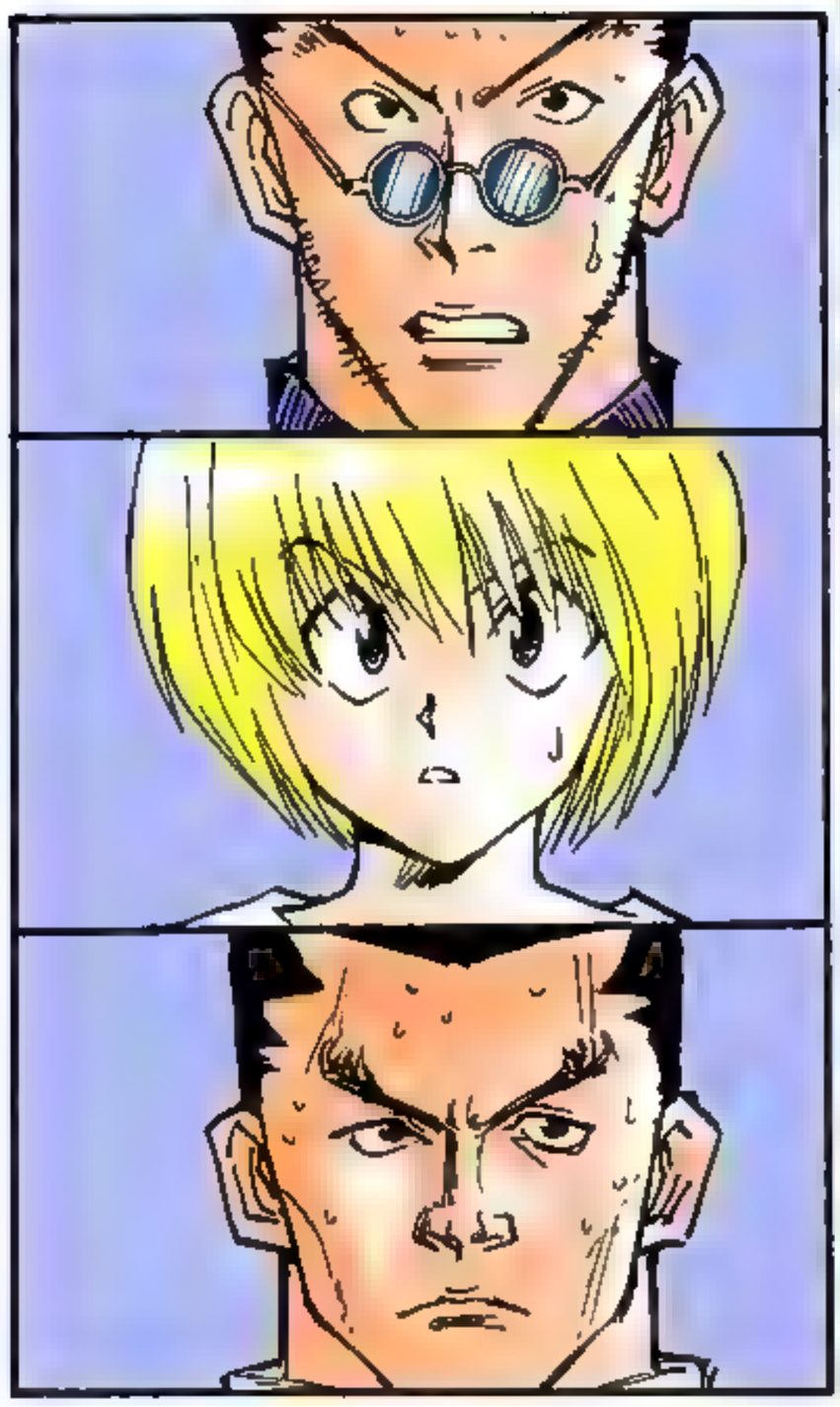
HE HE HE...

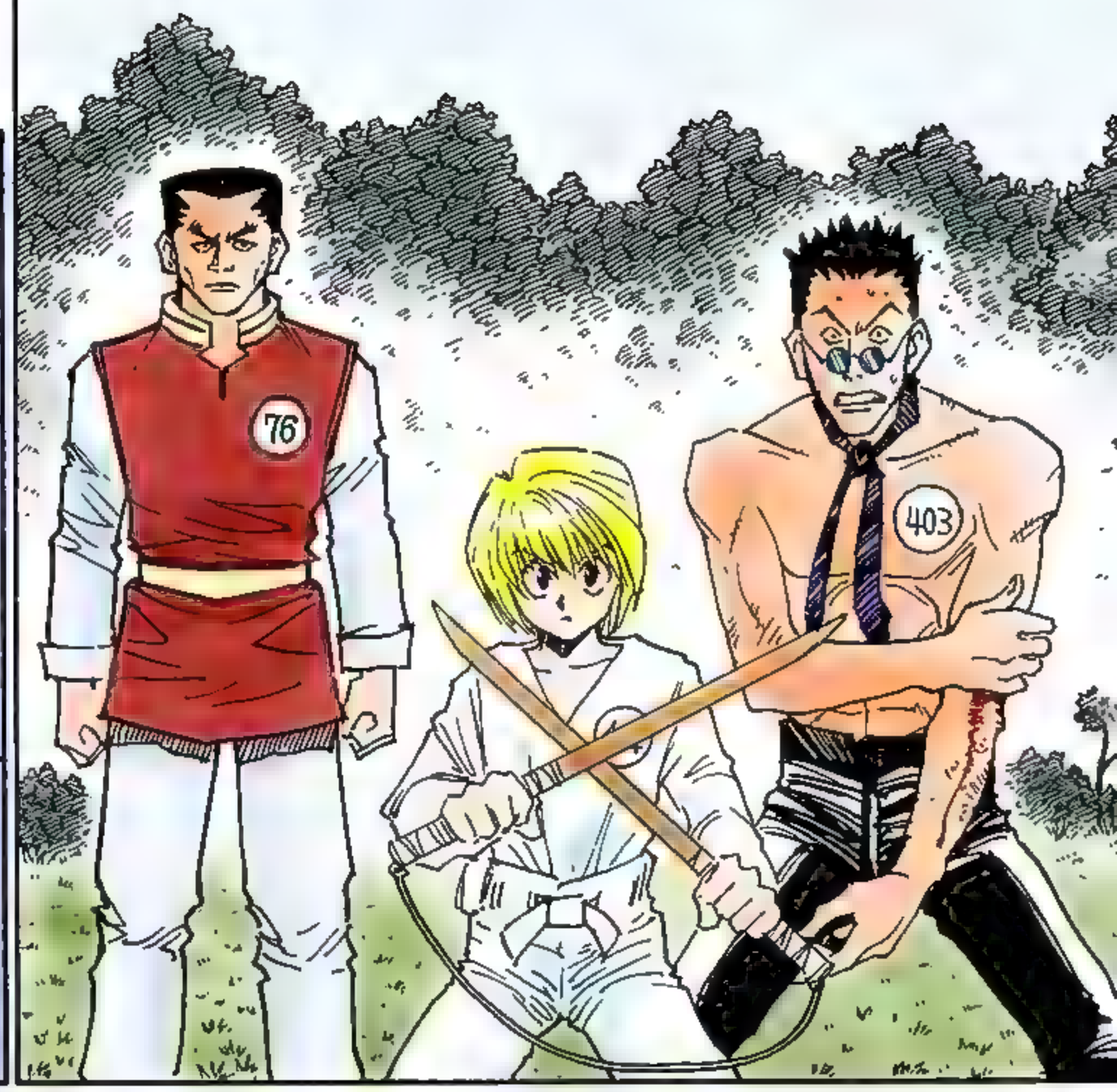
WHOAH !!

HYA HAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHA!!




THEY ALL HAVE FAILED.
YOU 3 ARE THE ONLY ONES LEFT.

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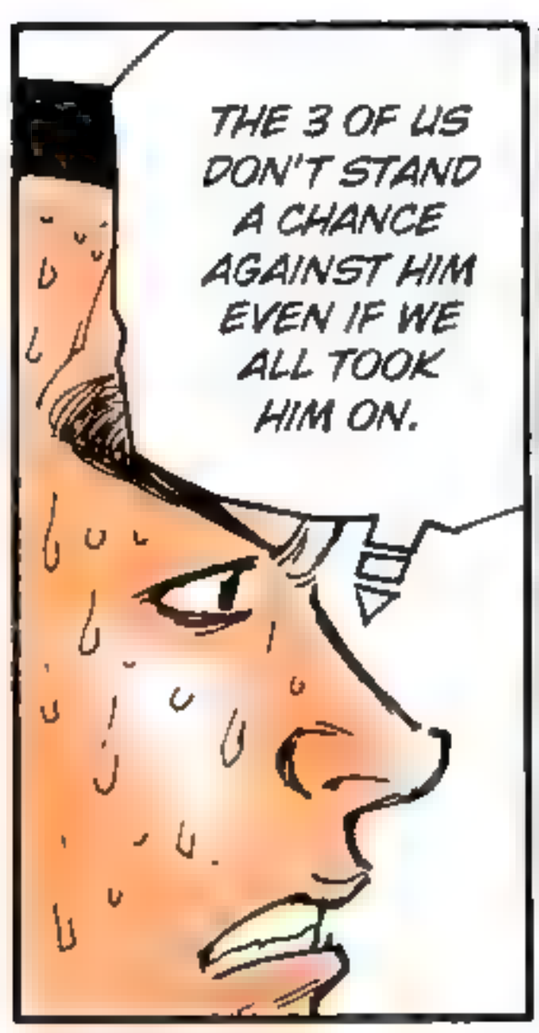
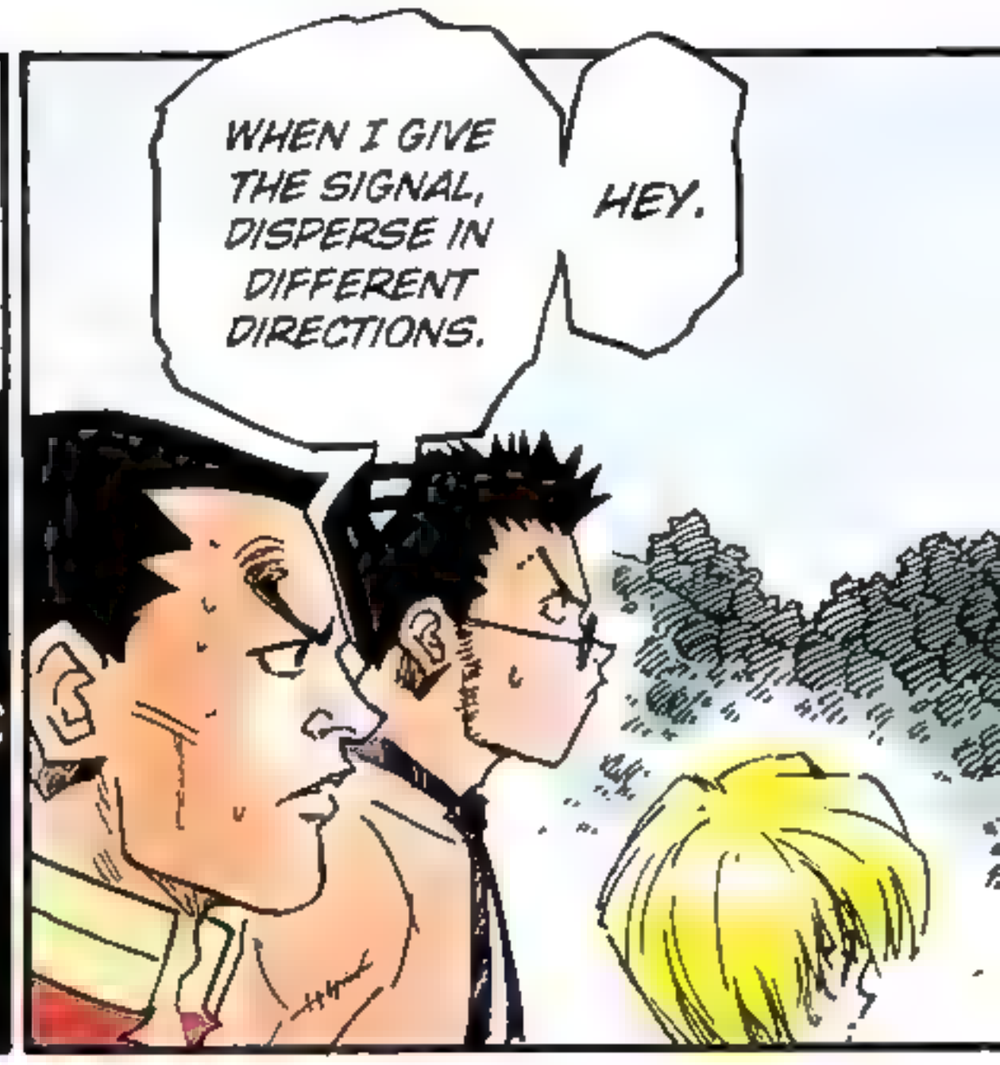
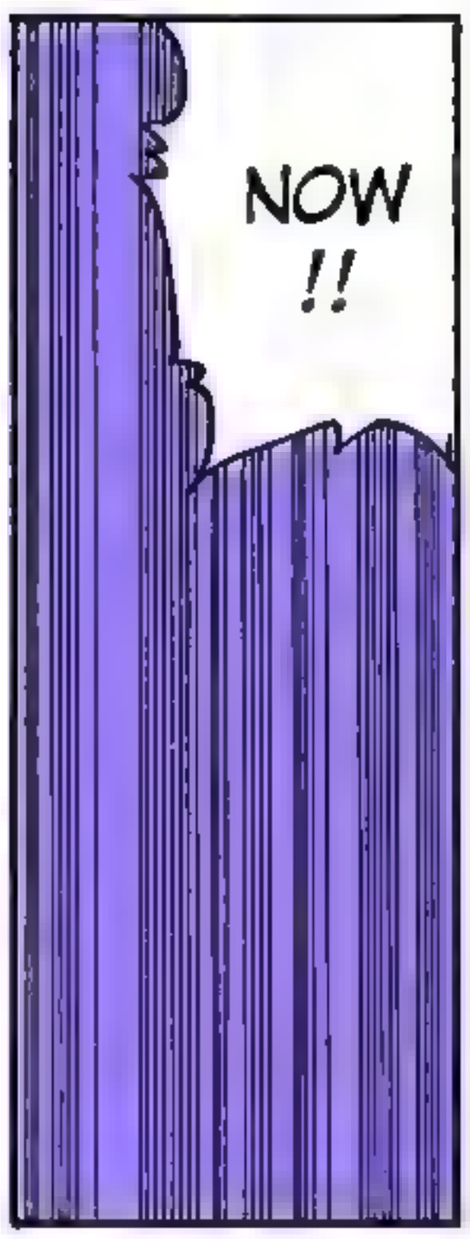

THE 3 OF US DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST HIM EVEN IF WE ALL TOOK HIM ON.

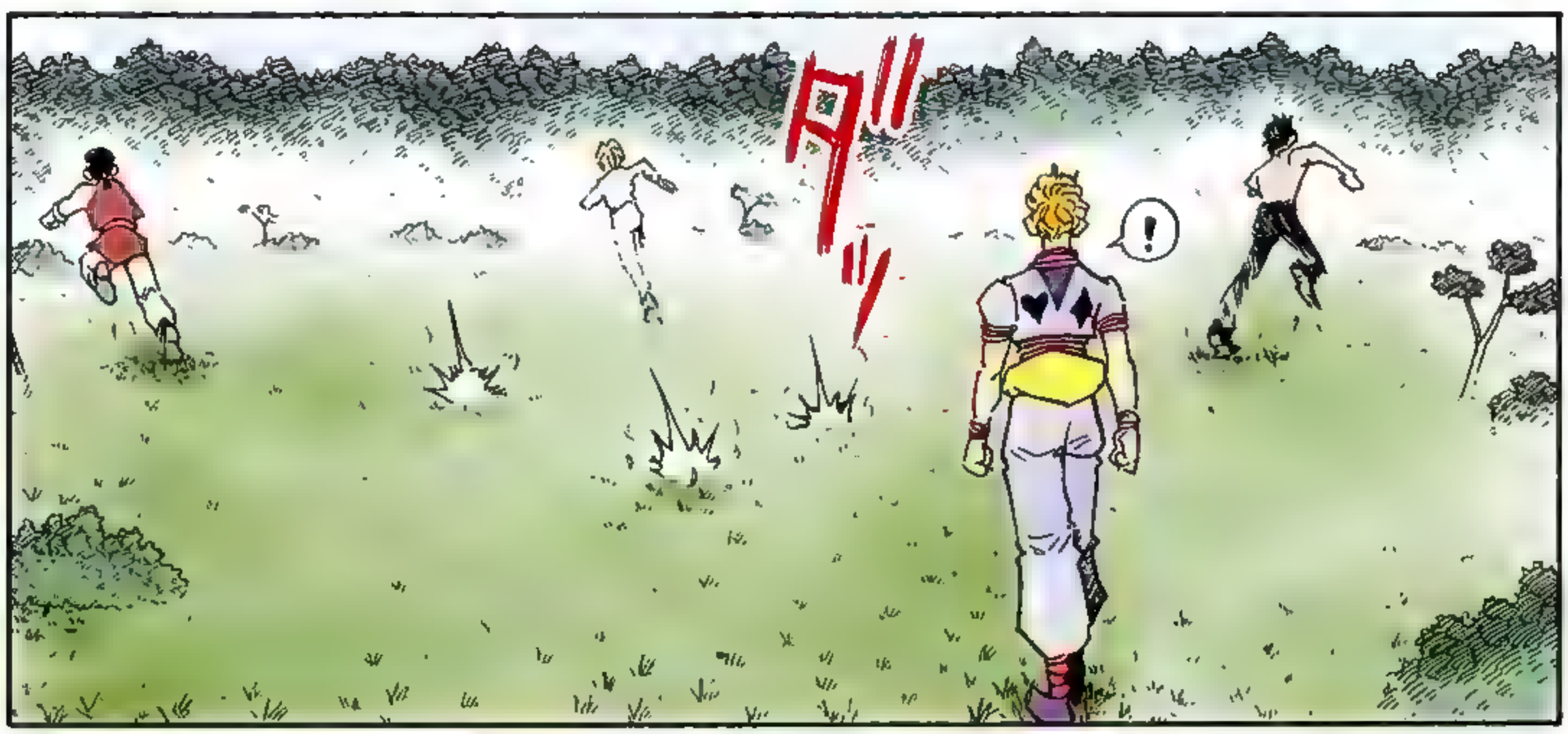
A KILLER USUALLY HAS A CHANCE OF HESITATION WHEN HE'S GOING FOR A KILL.
THE GAP BETWEEN US IN COMBAT EXPERIENCE IS VERY FAR FROM HIS!!

HE'S SUPER STRONG ...!!


WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, DISPERSE IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.
HEY.


NOW !!

I ASSUME YOU BOTH HAVE A STRONG MOTIVATION TO BECOME HUNTERS.
I KNOW YOU WON'T LIKE THIS PLAN... BUT THIS TIME YOU'D BETTER RUN!!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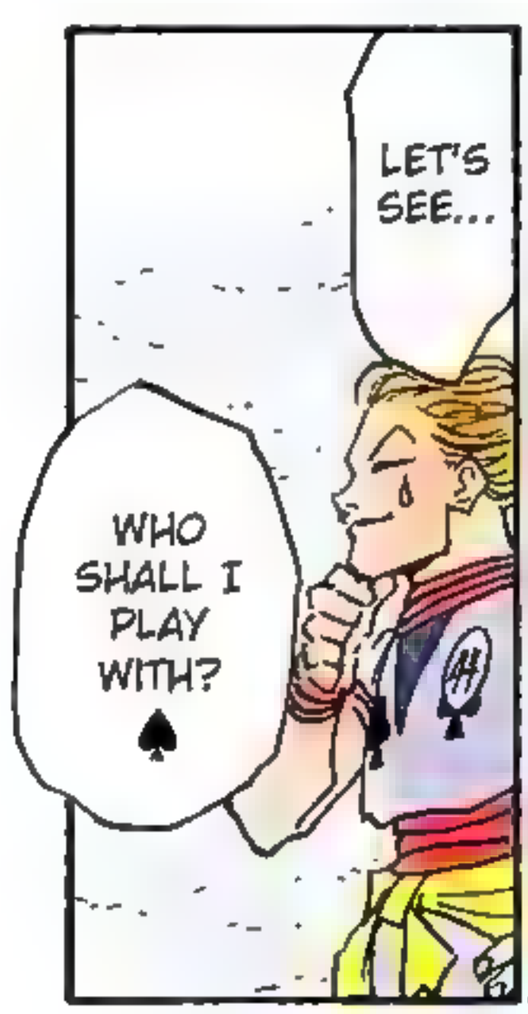
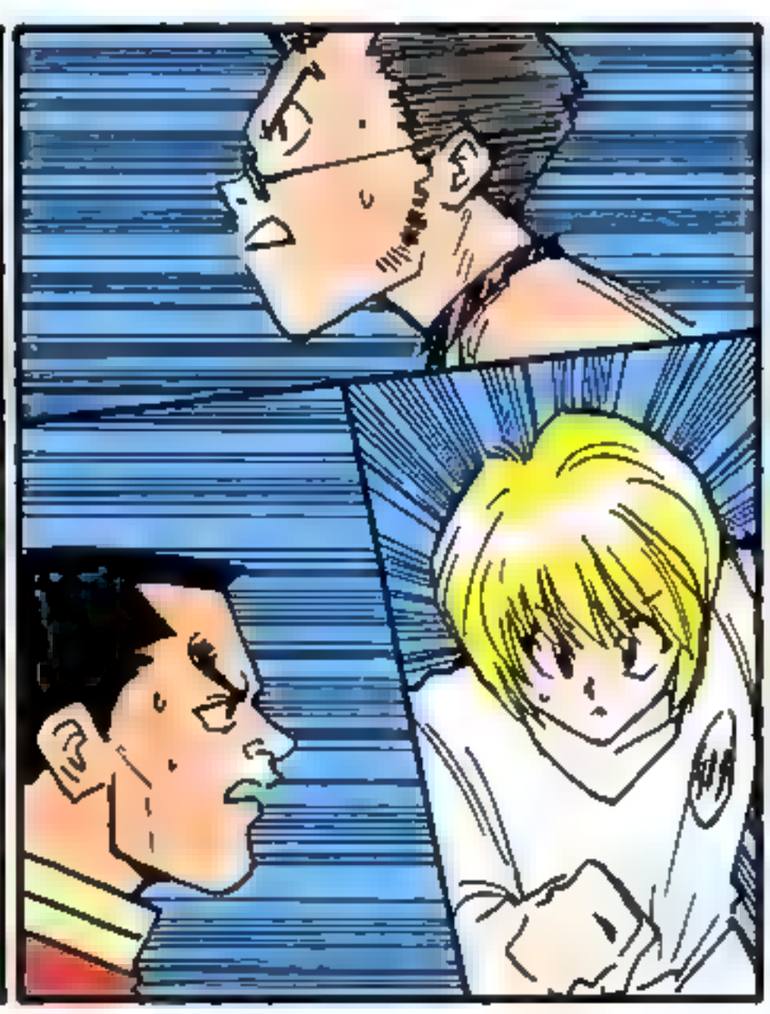
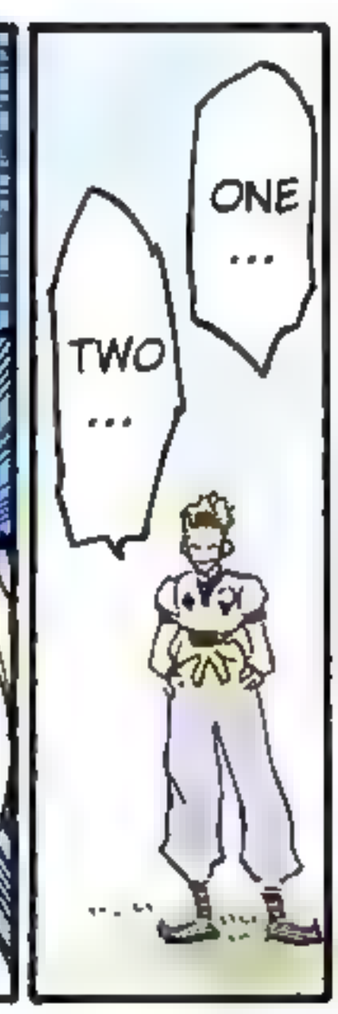
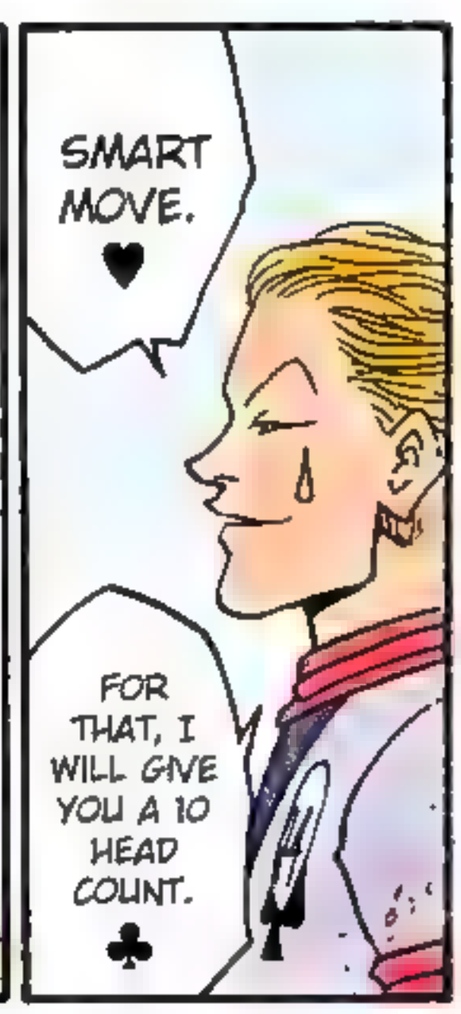
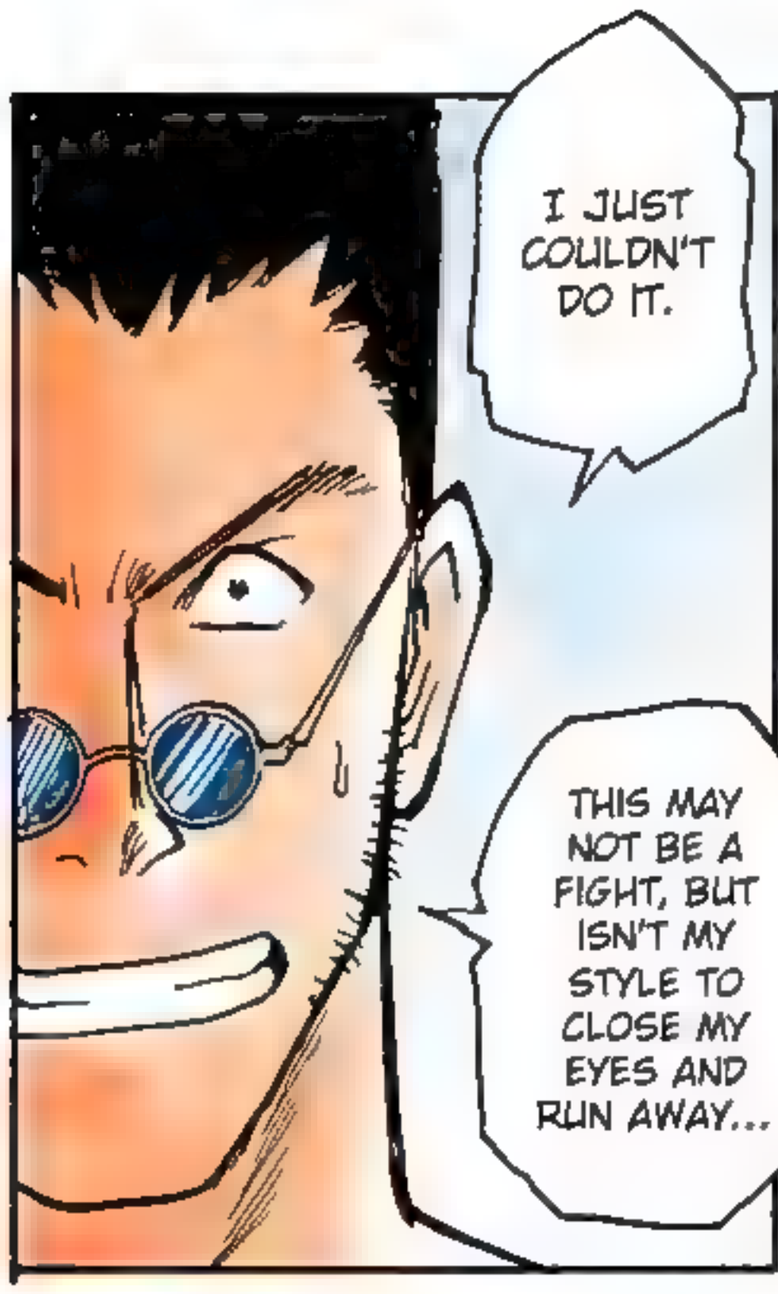

LET'S SEE...
WHO SHALL I PLAY WITH? ♠

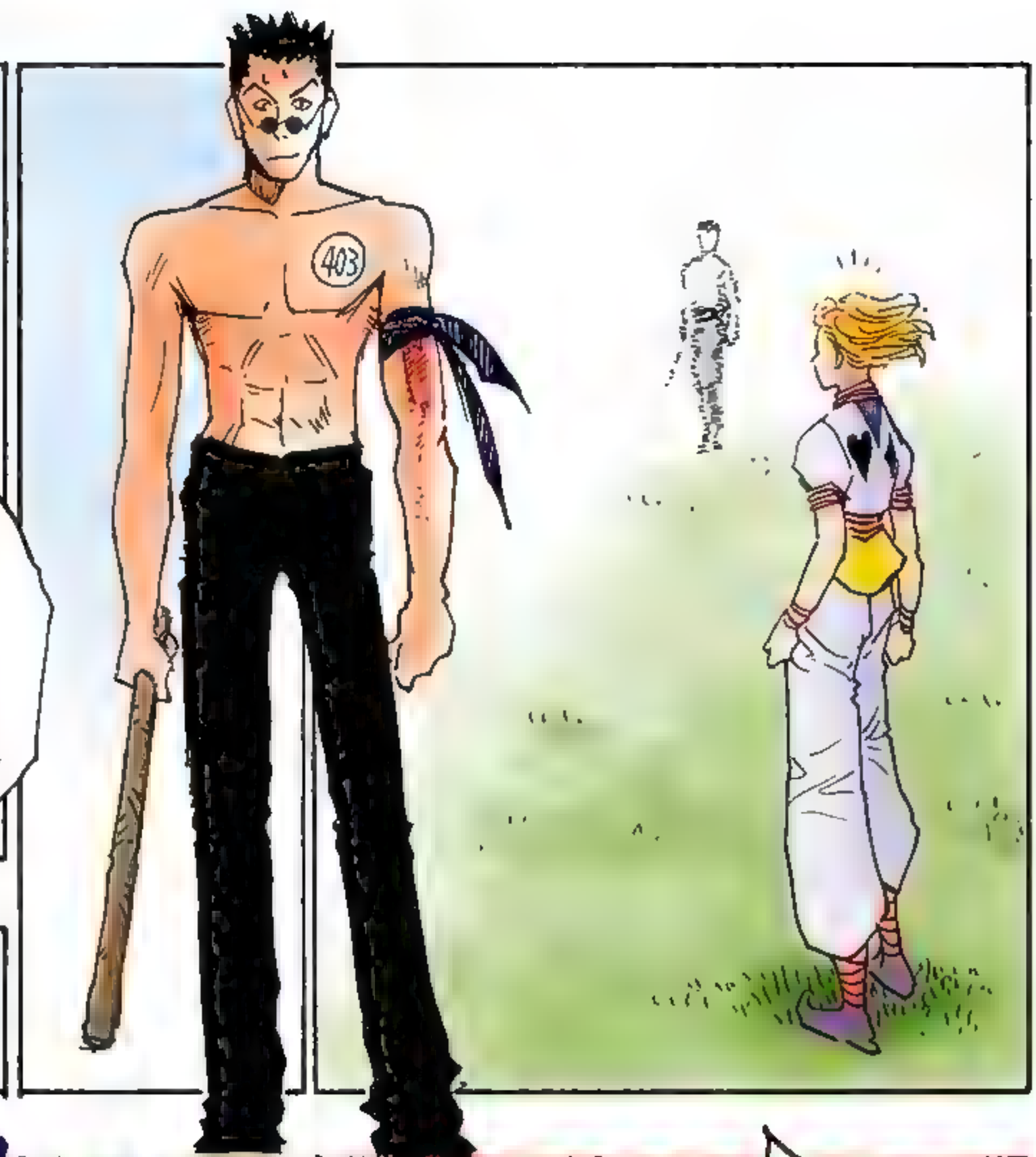
NINE ...
TEN ...




ONE ...
TWO ...


SMART MOVE. ♥
FOR THAT, I WILL GIVE YOU A 10 HEAD COUNT. ♣


I JUST COULDN'T DO IT.
THIS MAY NOT BE A FIGHT, BUT ISN'T MY STYLE TO CLOSE MY EYES AND RUN AWAY...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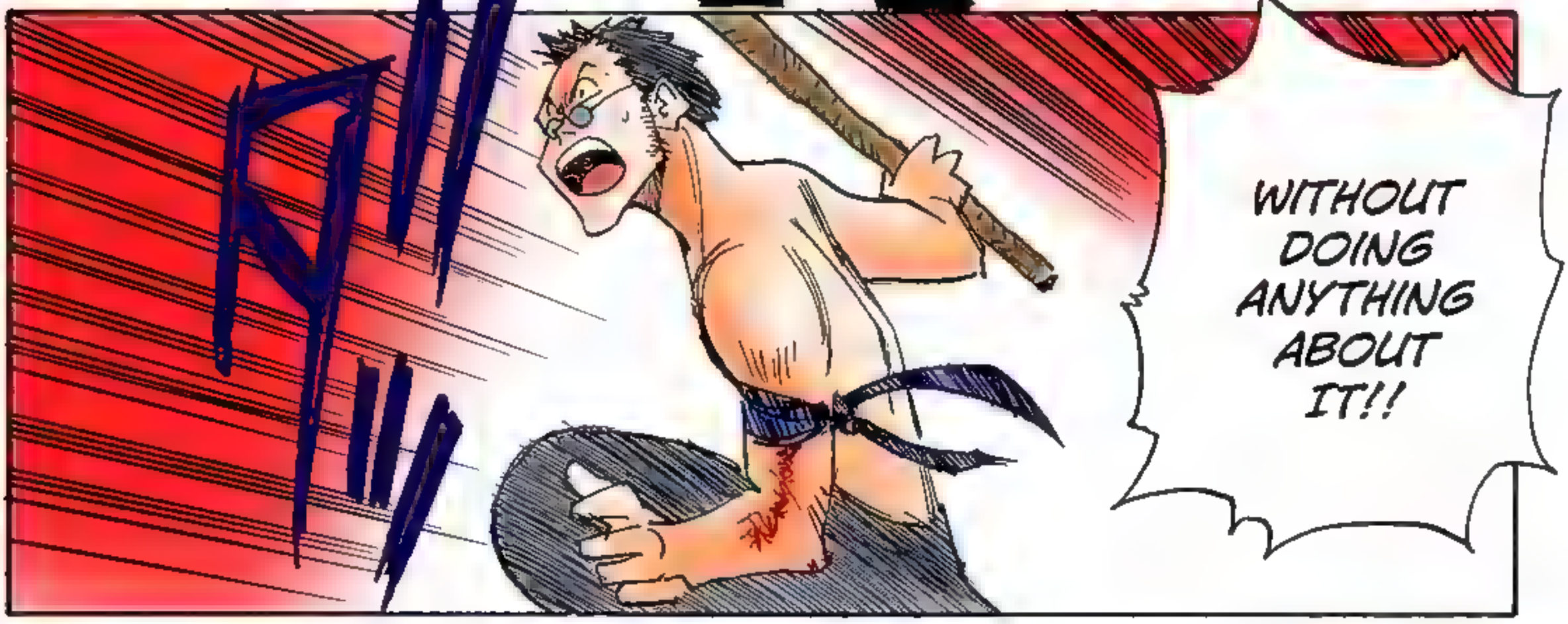
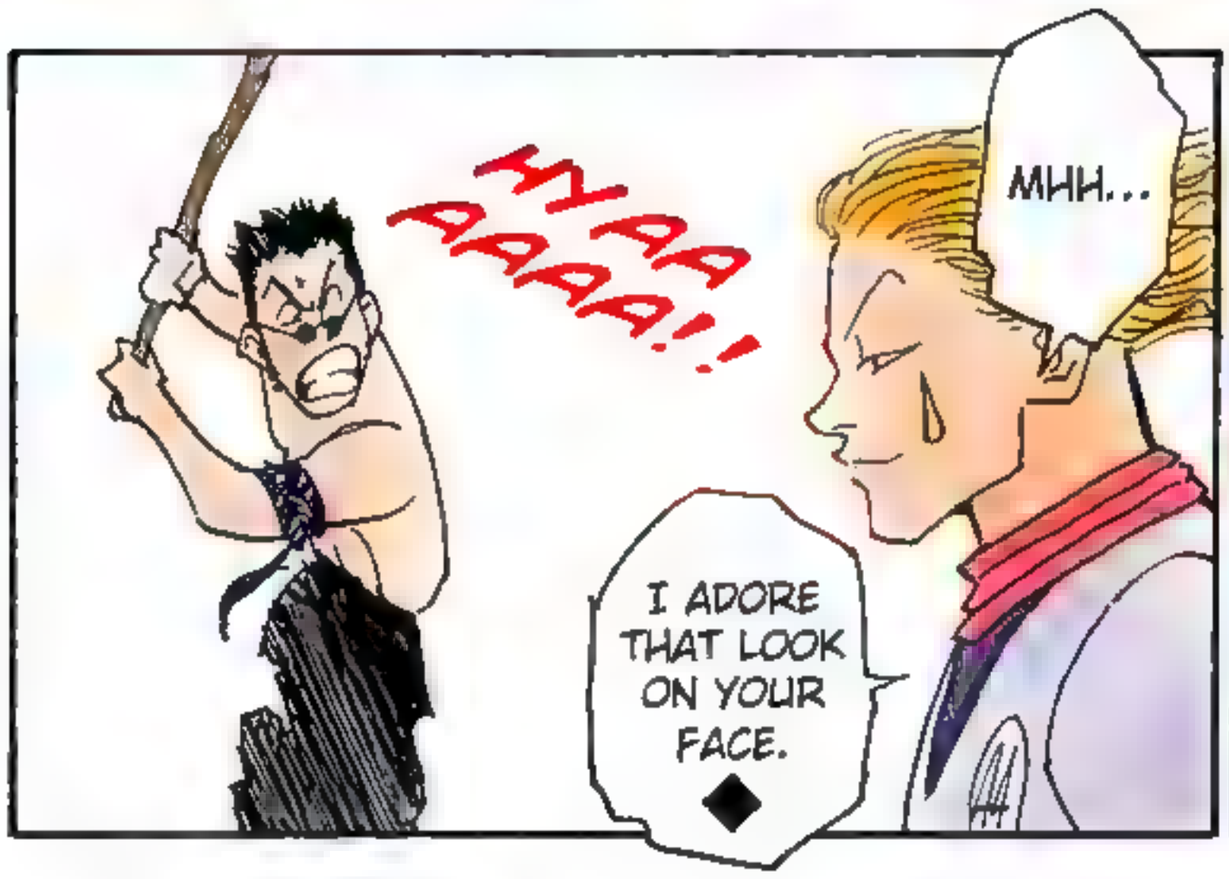
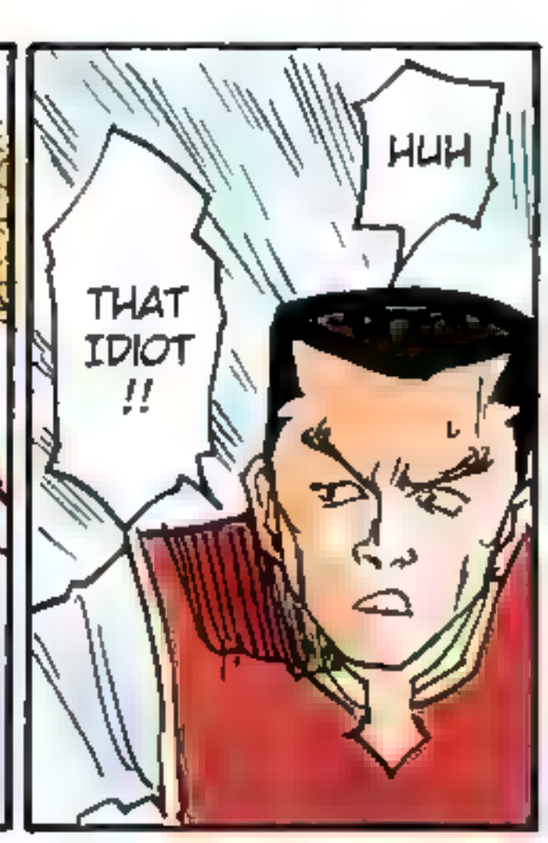

WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT!!


HYAA AAAA!!
MHH...
I ADORE THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE.


HUH
THAT IDIOT !!

LEORIO !!
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GON ?!

HUFF
HUFF
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LET ME SEE IT. ◆
A FISHING ROD? THAT'S A FASCINATING WEAPON. ♥
NOT BAD, KID. ♣
HEY, YOUR FIGHT'S WITH ME!!
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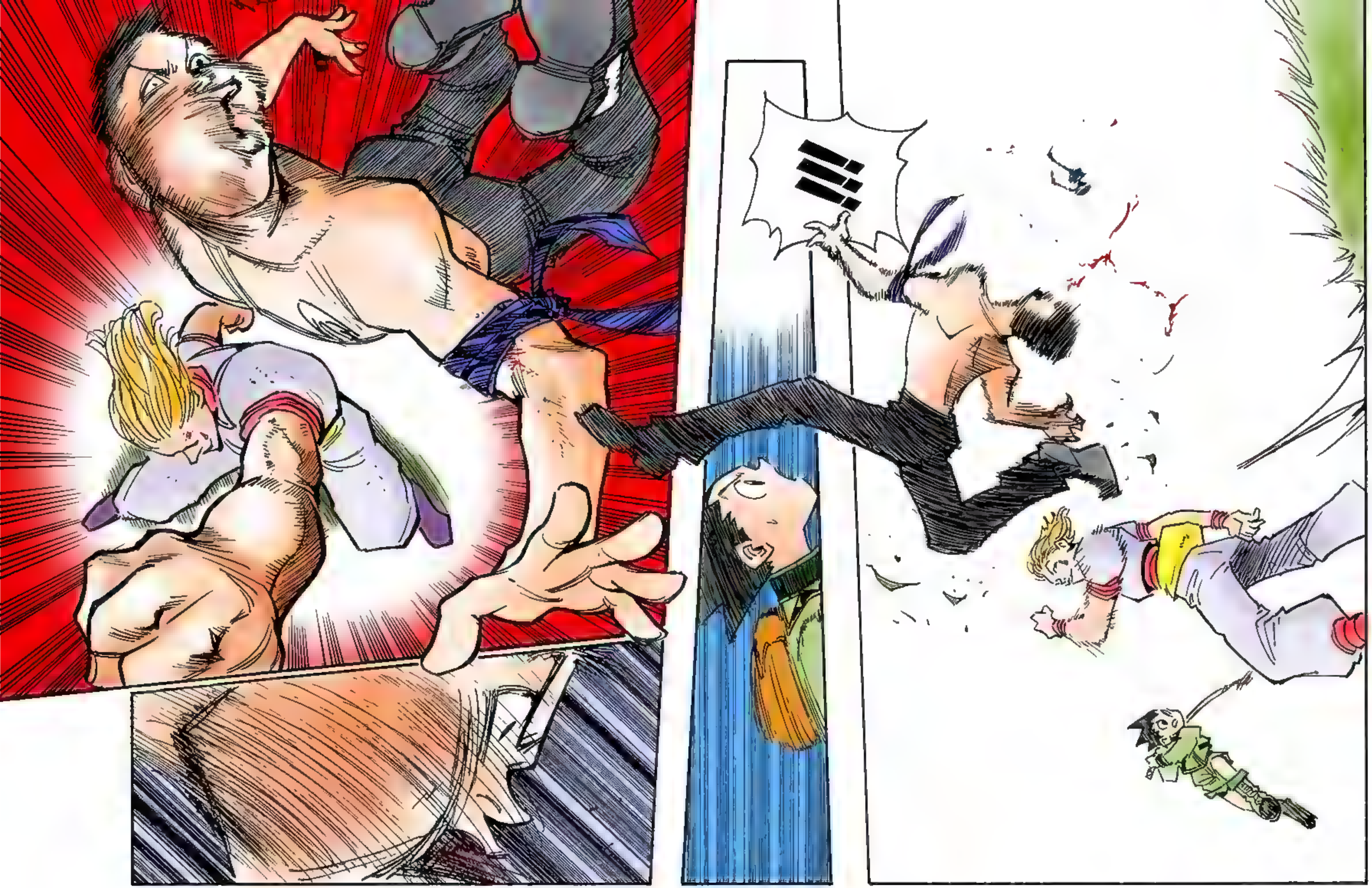
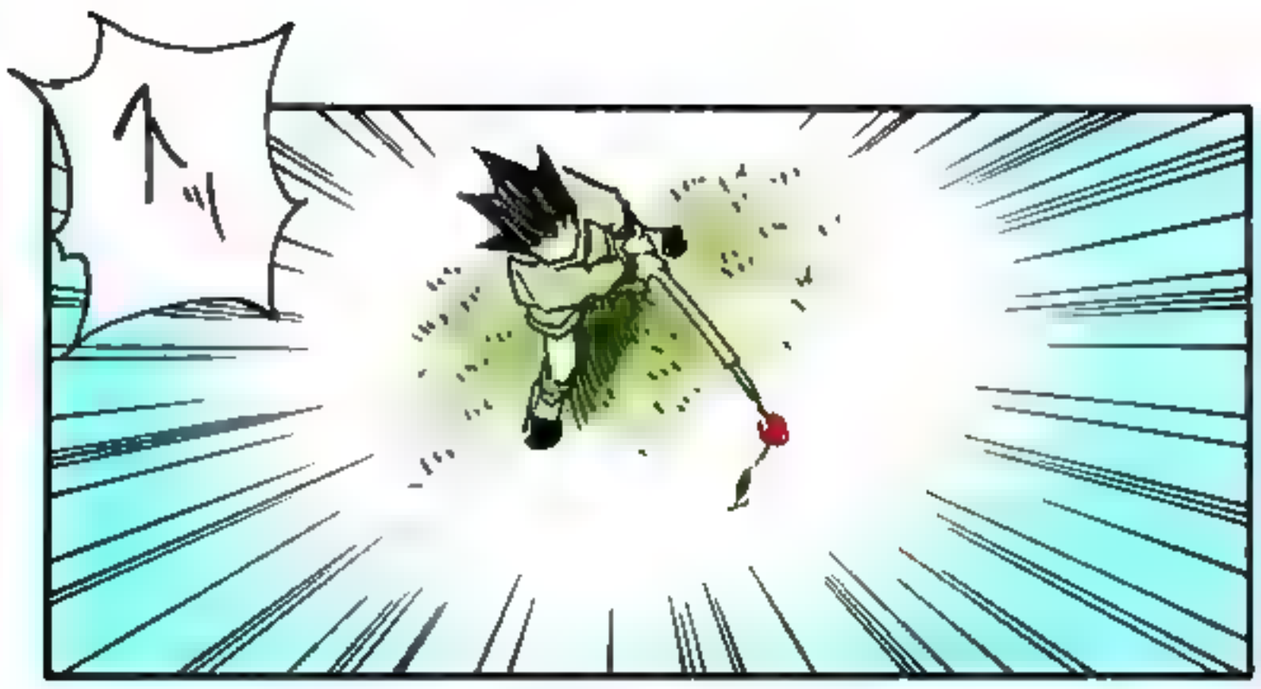
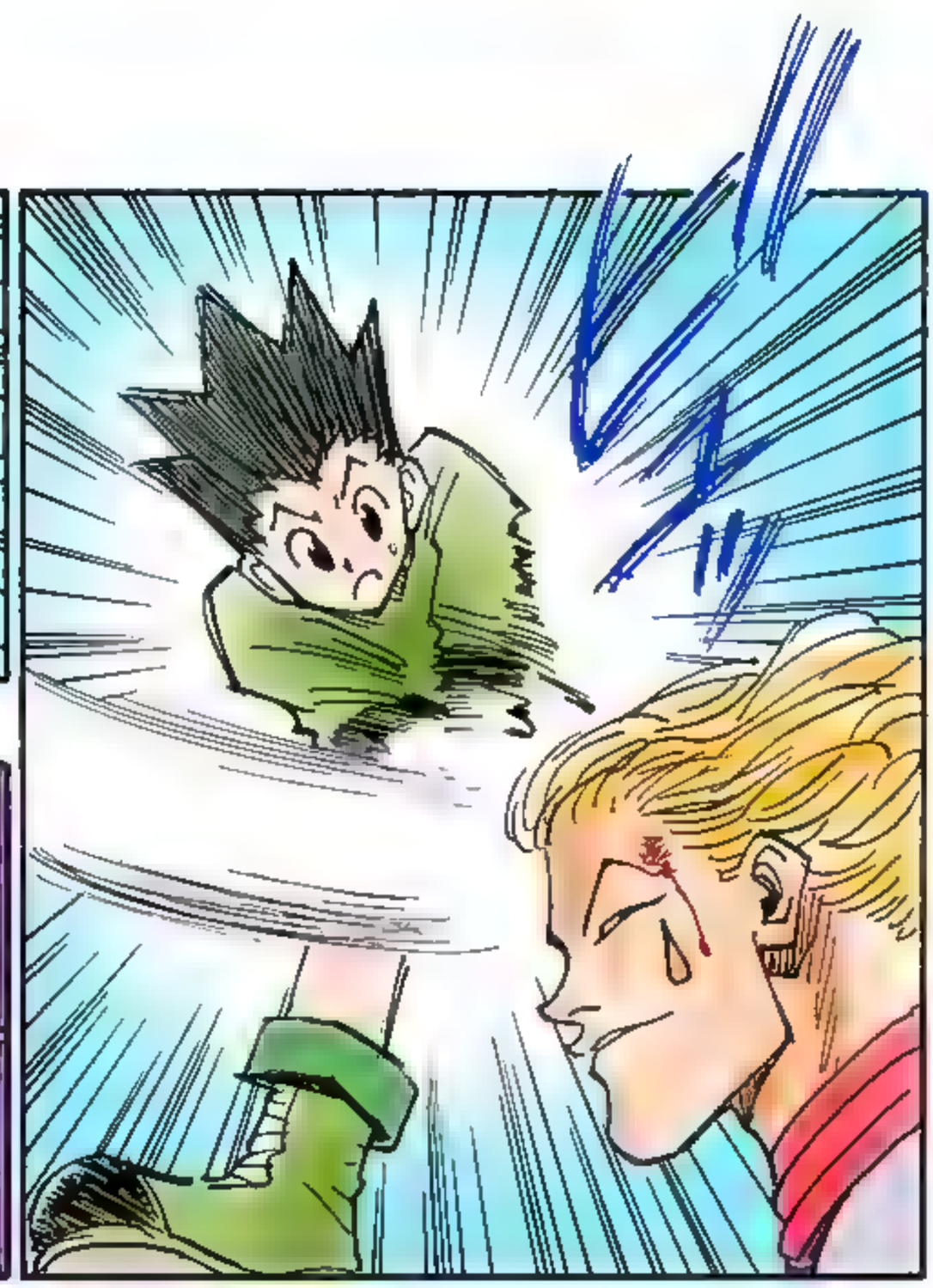
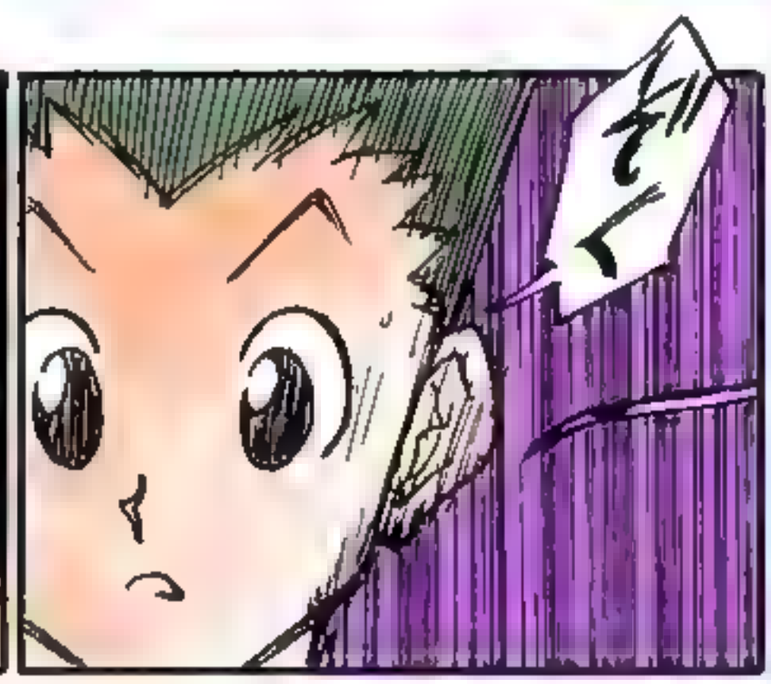
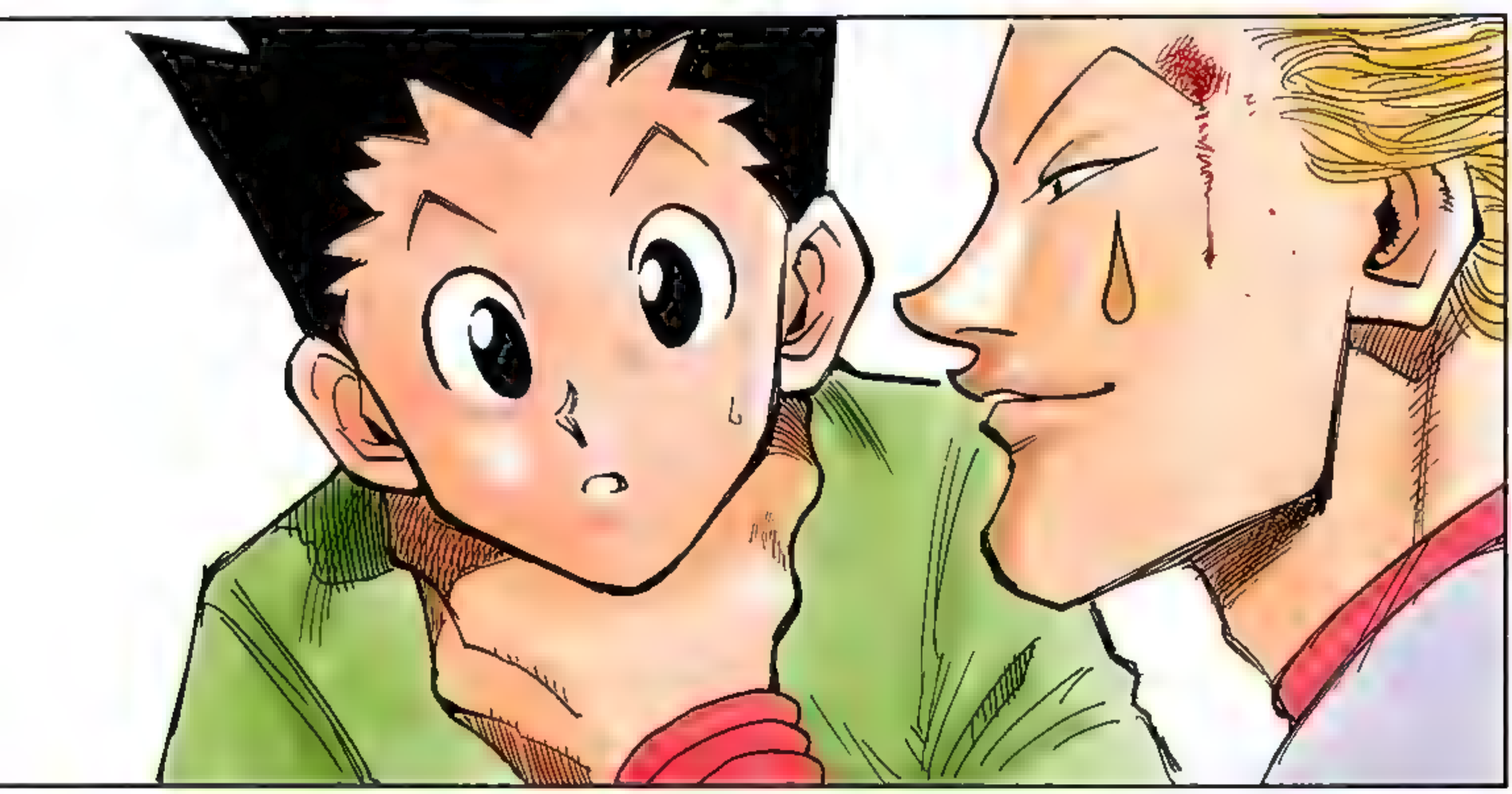
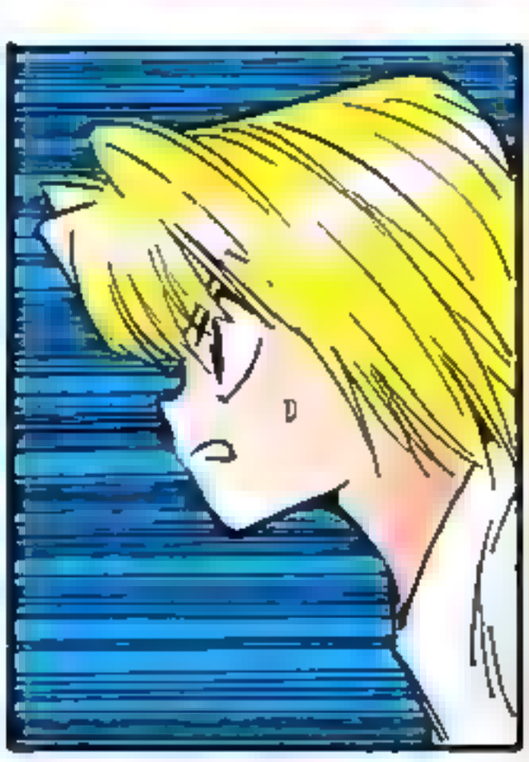




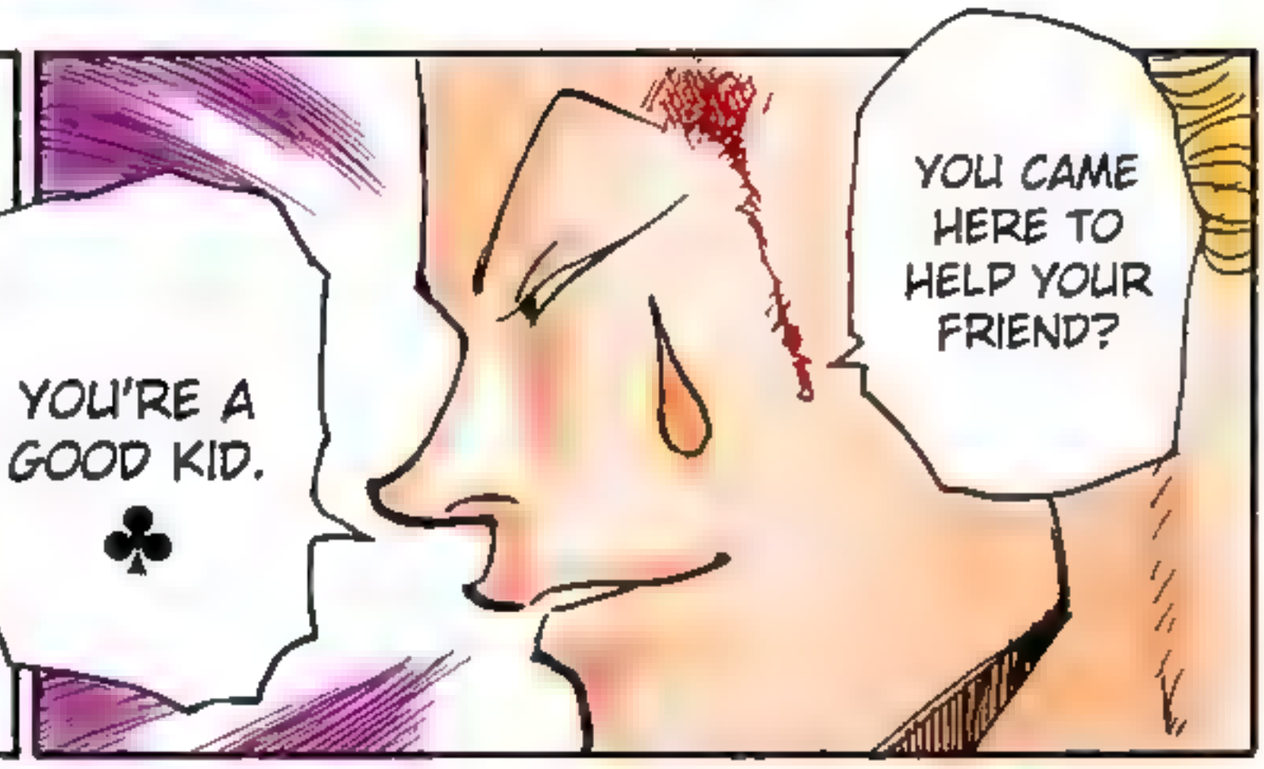


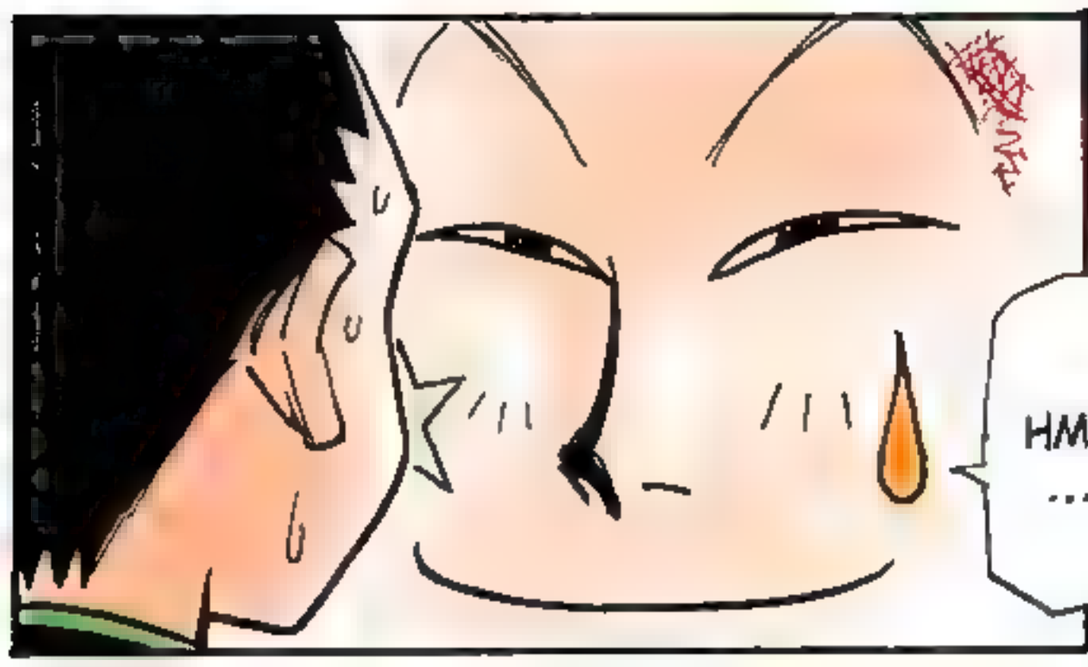


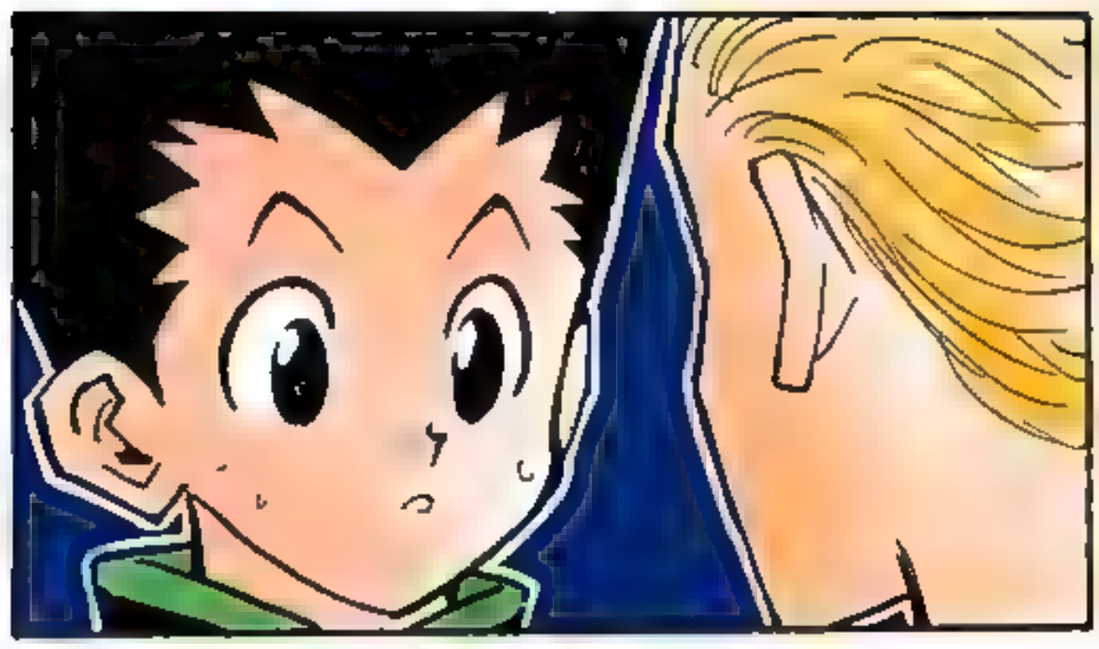


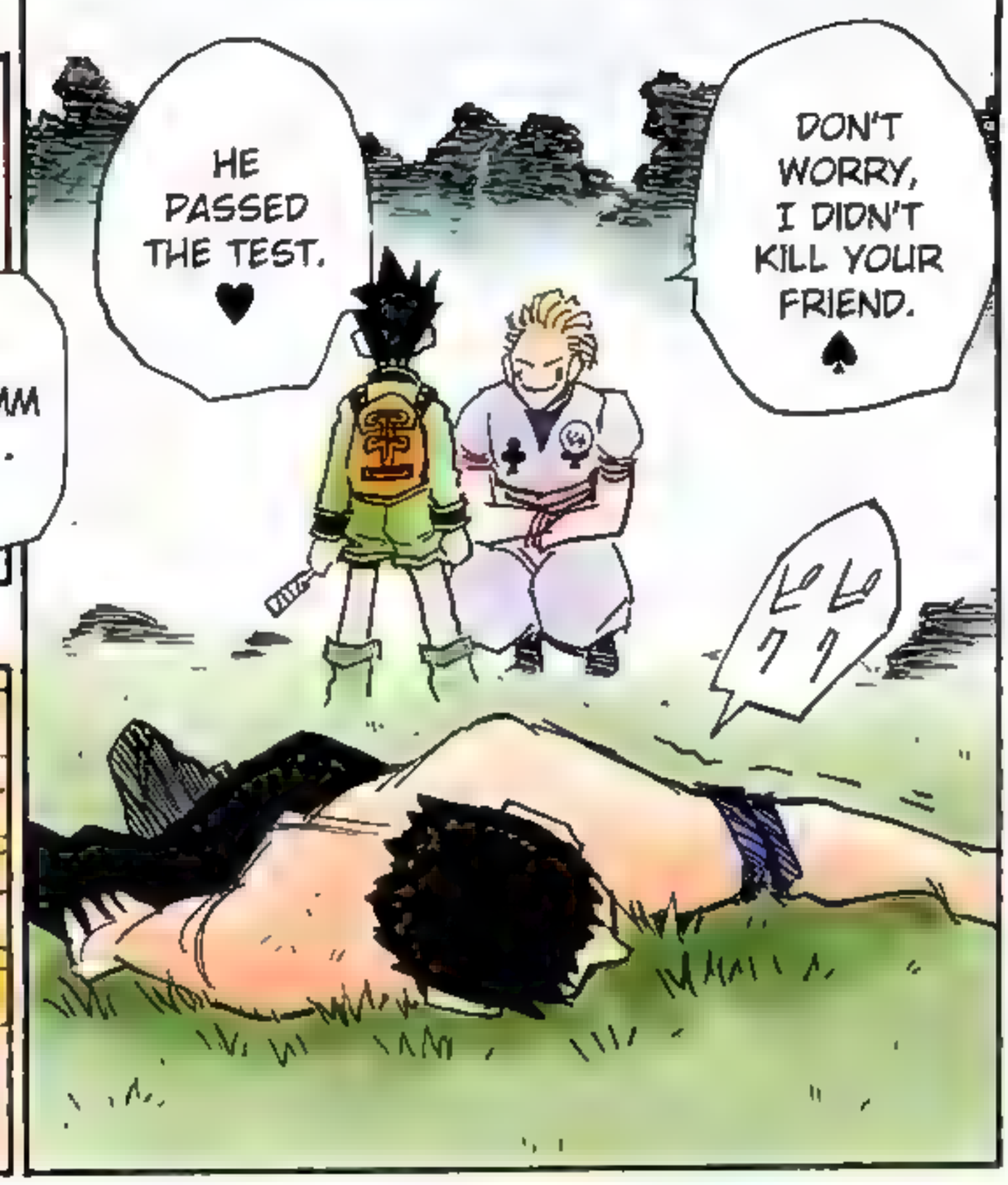


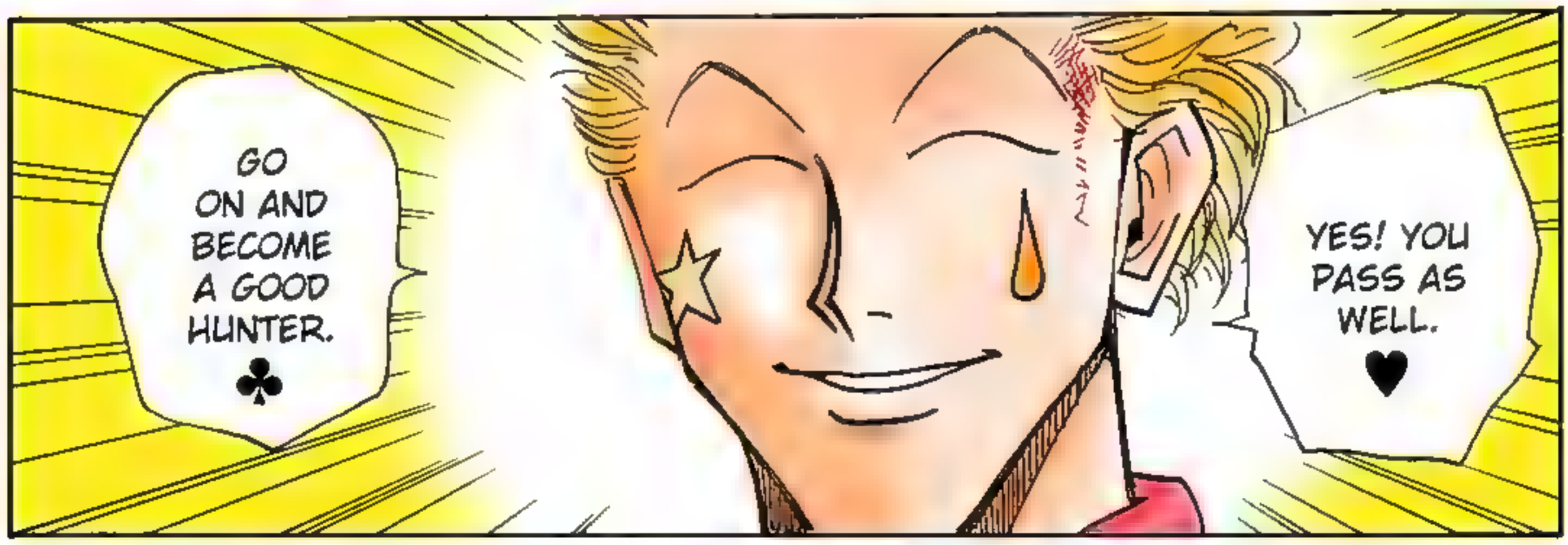
YOU'RE A GOOD KID. ♣

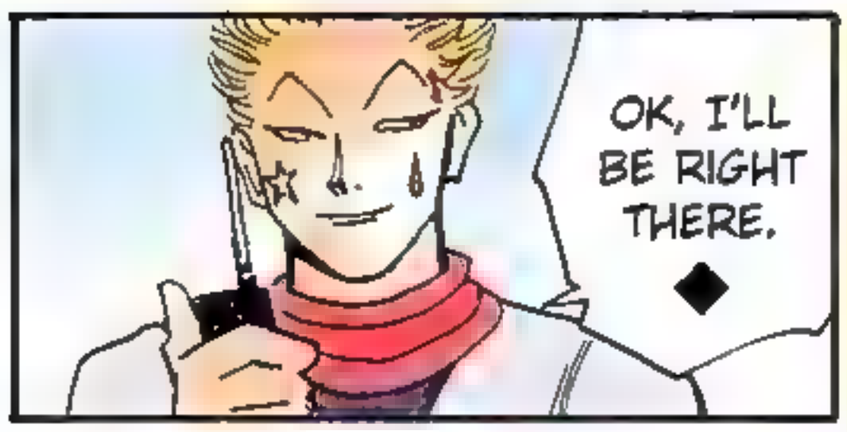

YOU CAME HERE TO HELP YOUR FRIEND?

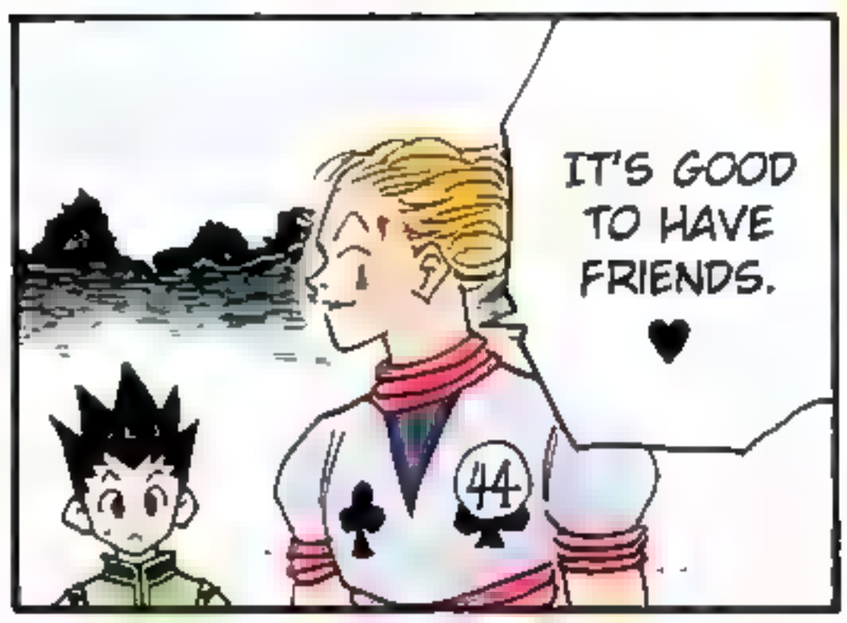

HMM ...




HE PASSED THE TEST. ♥
DON'T WORRY, I DIDN'T KILL YOUR FRIEND. ♠


GO ON AND BECOME A GOOD HUNTER. ♣
YES! YOU PASS AS WELL. ♥


OK, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE. ◆


IT'S GOOD TO HAVE FRIENDS. ♥
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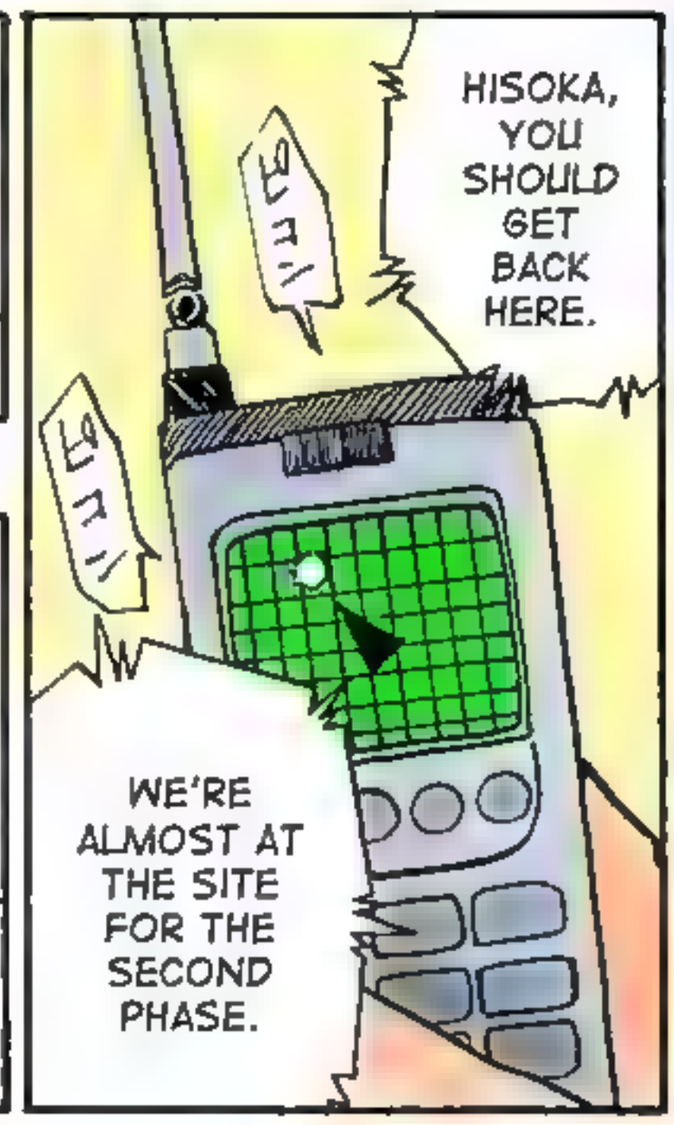
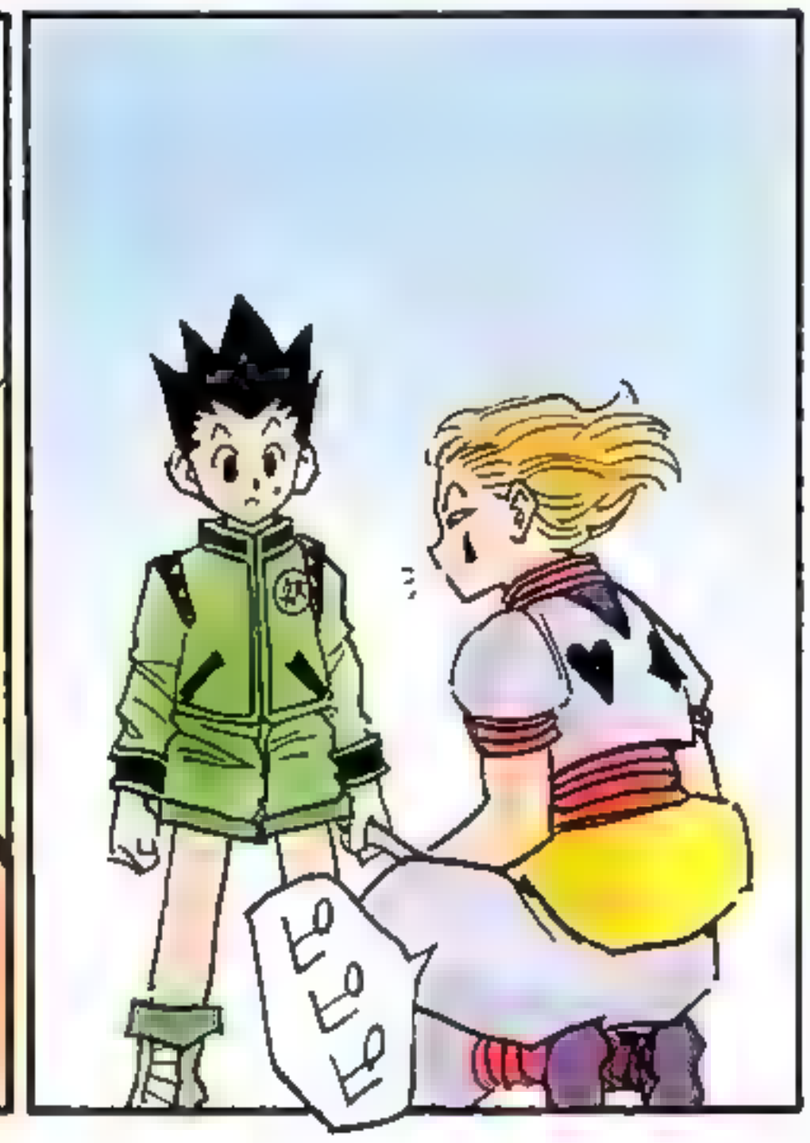
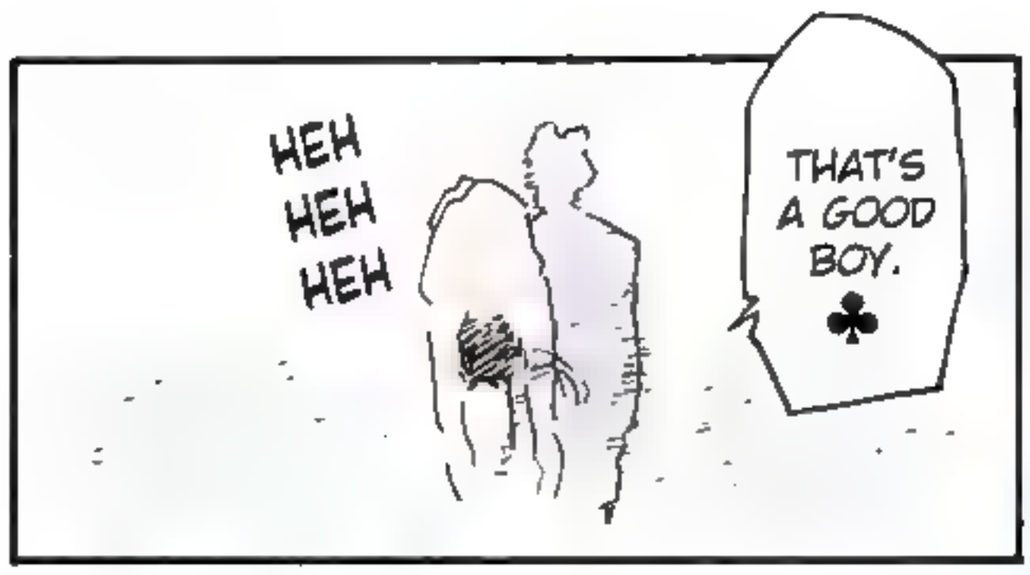
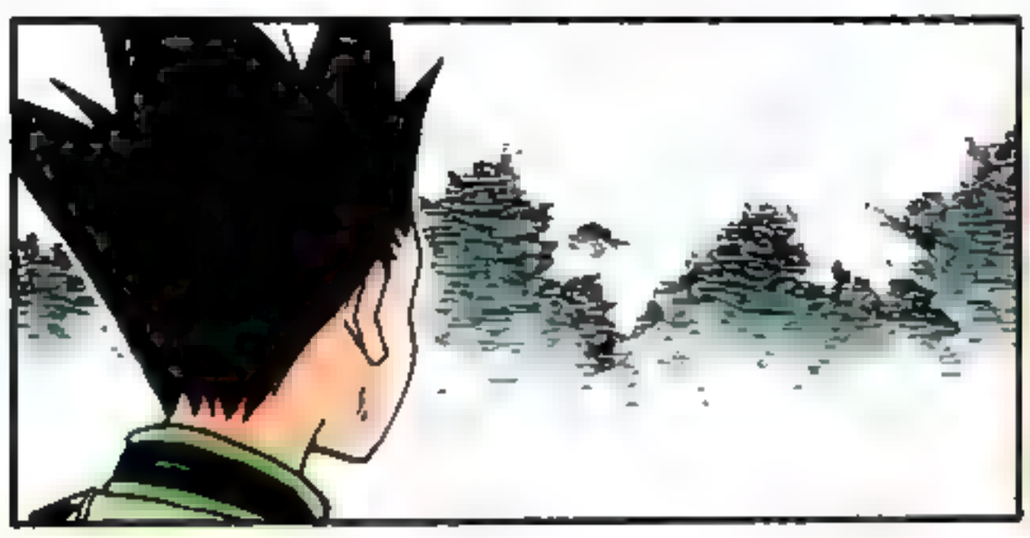
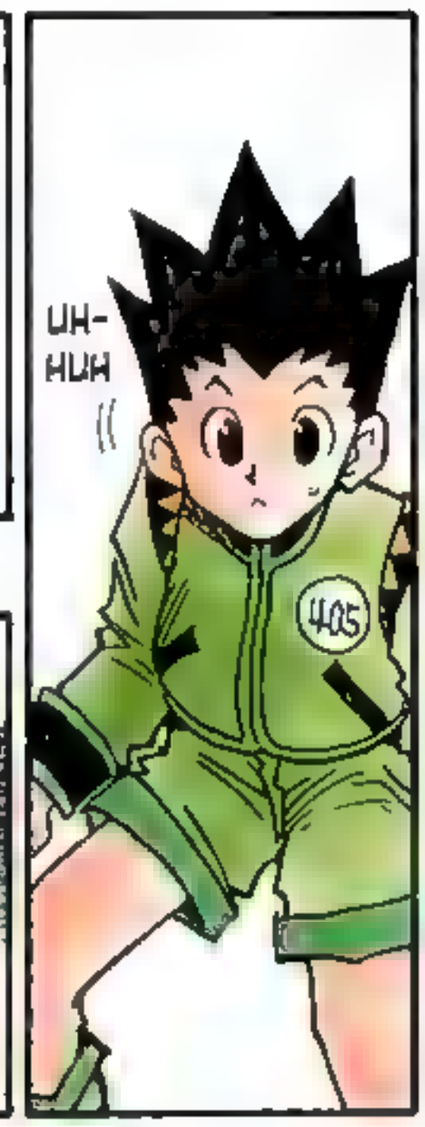

HISOKA, YOU SHOULD GET BACK HERE.
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE SITE FOR THE SECOND PHASE.




HEH HEH HEH
THAT'S A GOOD BOY. ♣

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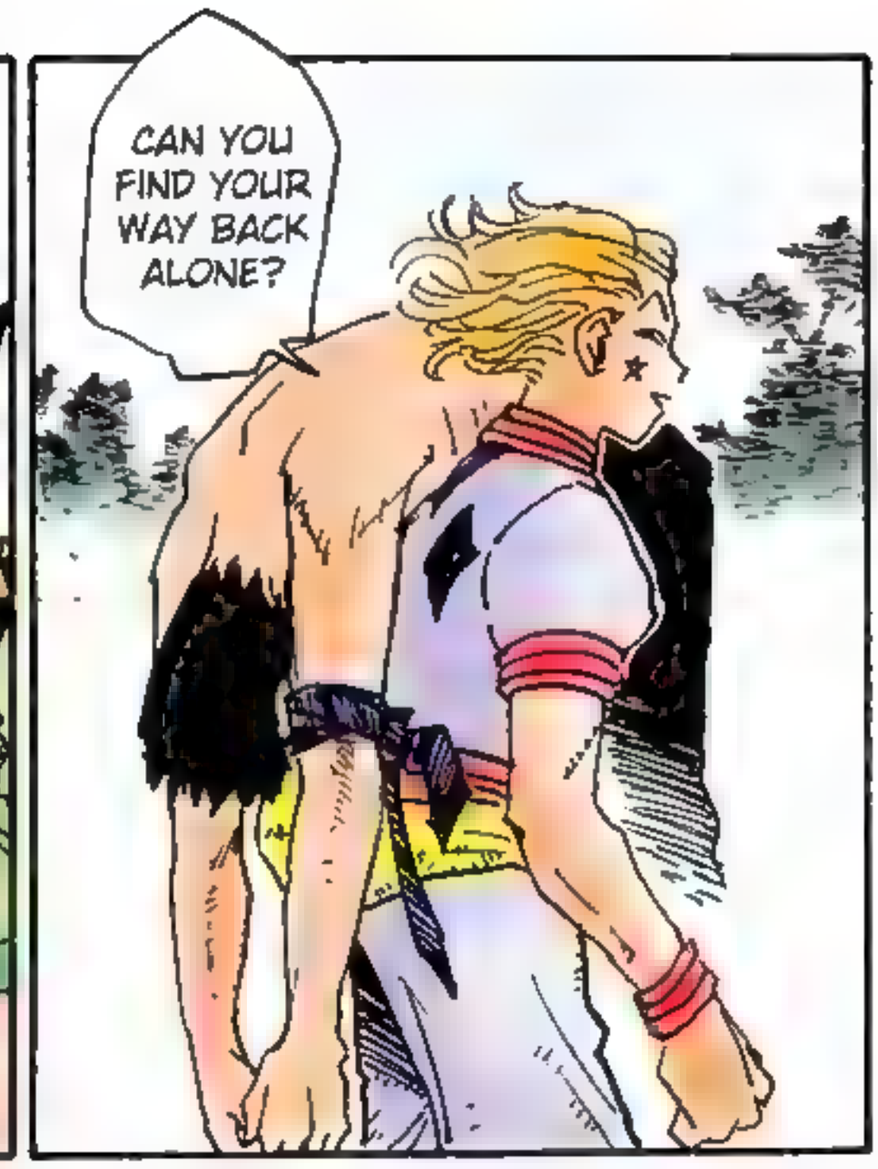
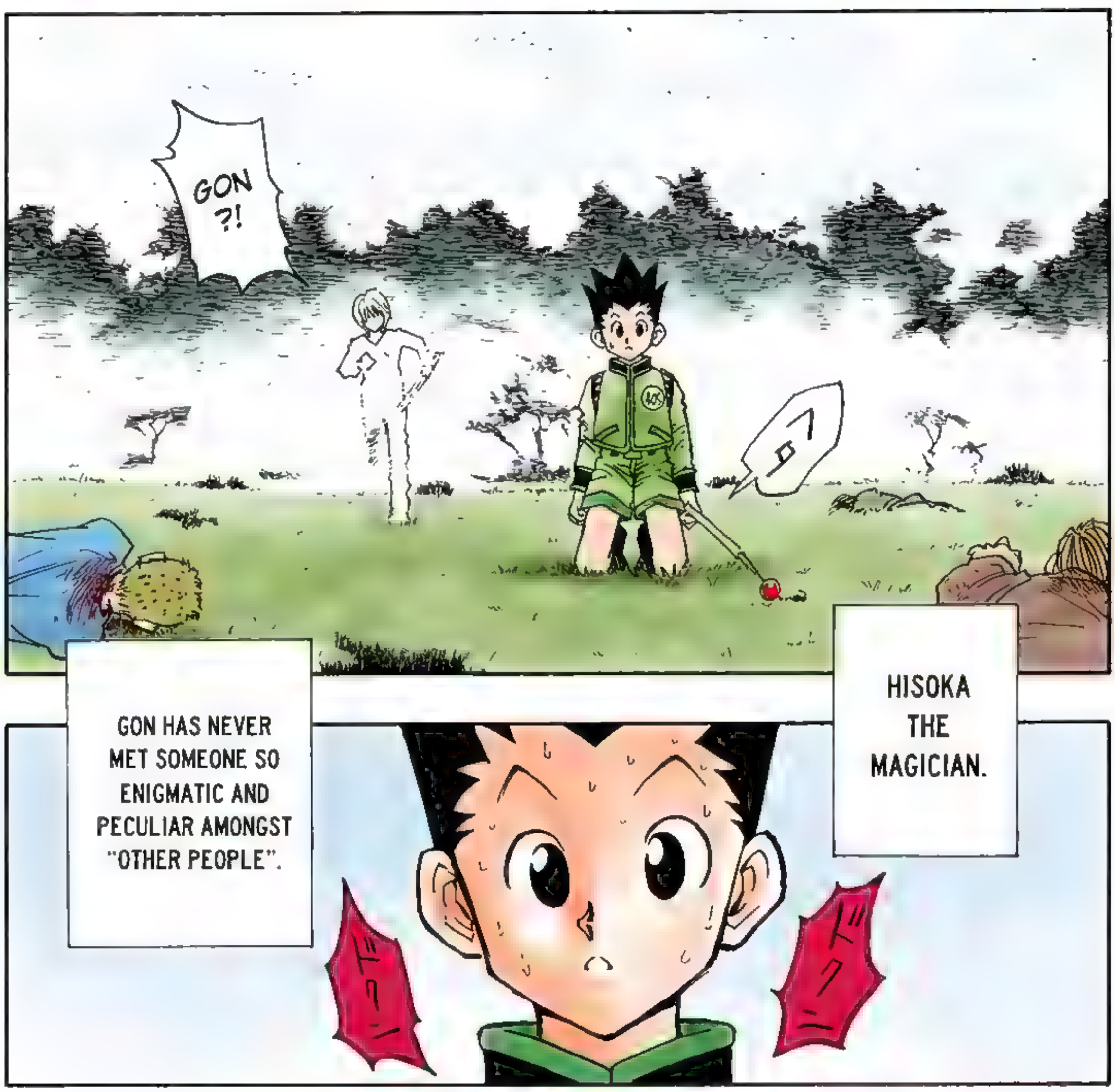

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY BACK ALONE?


GON ?!
GON HAS NEVER MET SOMEONE SO ENIGMATIC AND PECULIAR AMONGST "OTHER PEOPLE".
HISOKA THE MAGICIAN.

MENCHI

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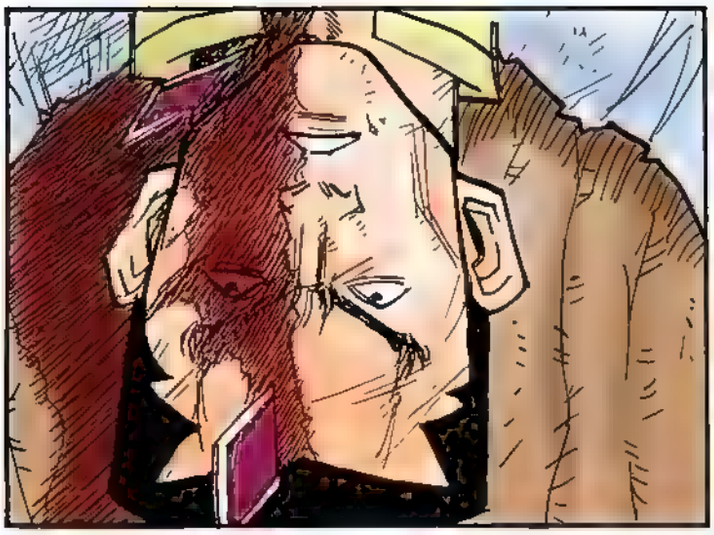

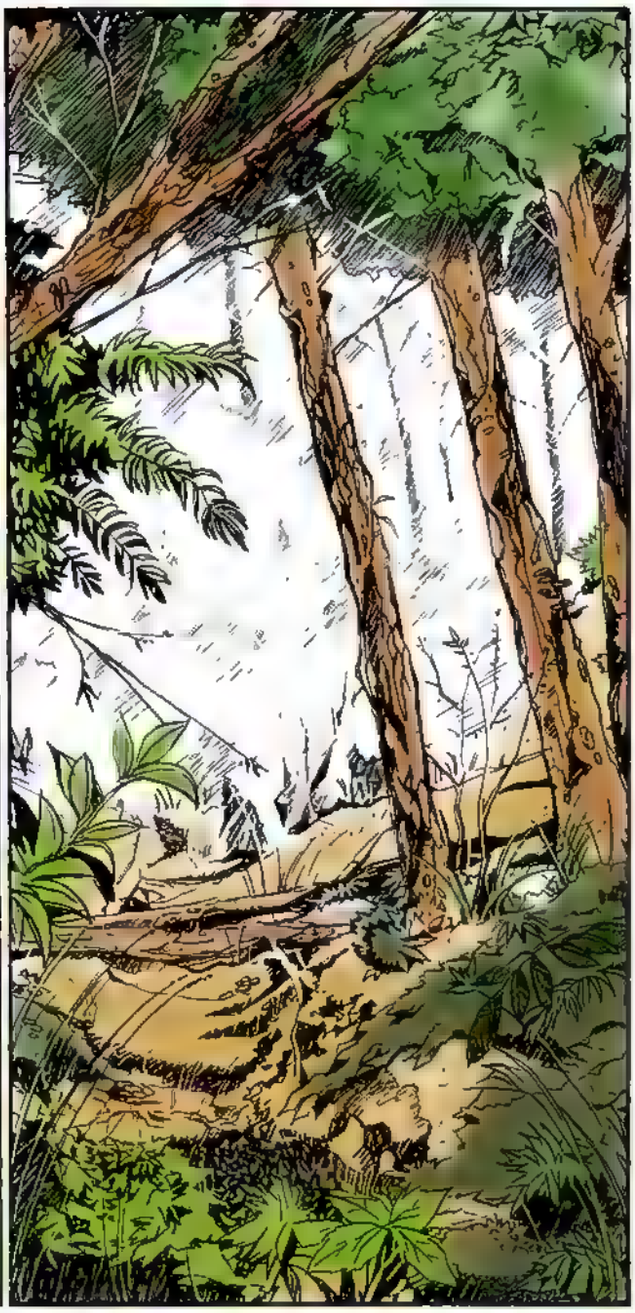

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YUP.

CAN YOU TELL THAT CLEARLY?

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THIS WAY!

SNIFF

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THEY PROBABLY DIED TRYING TO ATTACK HISOKA.

BESIDES, ANIMALS LIE DEAD ON THE GROUND AS IF TO GUIDE US.

SPEAK FOR YOUR-SELF.

THE COLOGNE LEORIO USES IS VERY DISTINCTIVE. I CAN SMELL HIM FROM A FEW KILOMETERS FROM HERE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE MEANT?

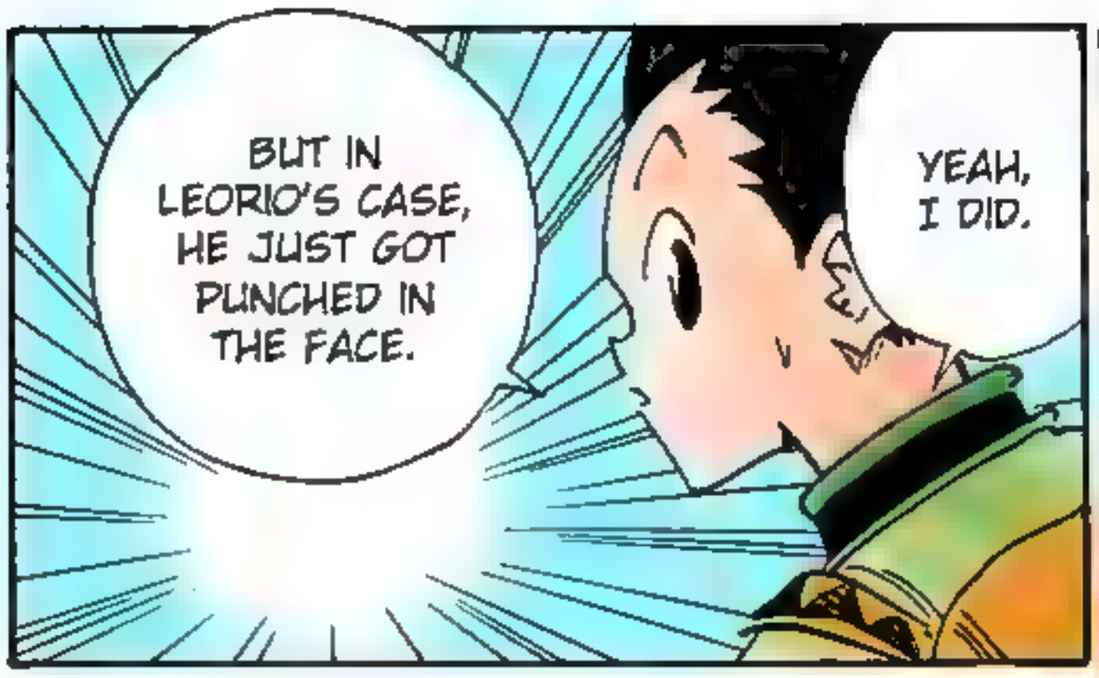
HISOKA WAS SAYING THAT LEORIO AND I HAD PASSED THE TEST...

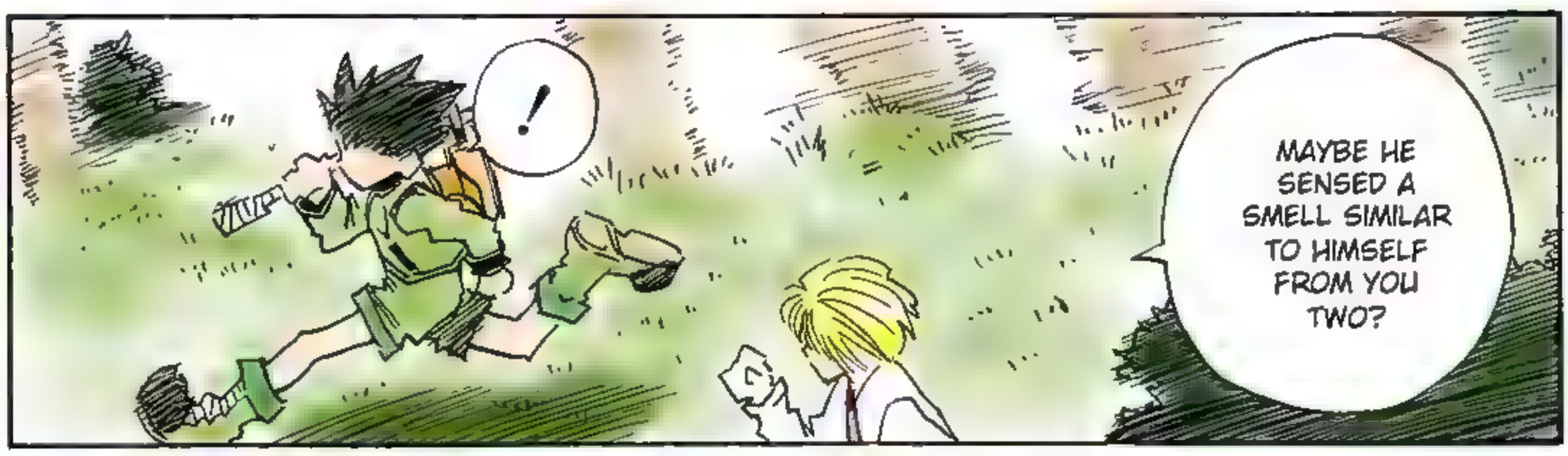
HEY KURA-PIKA...

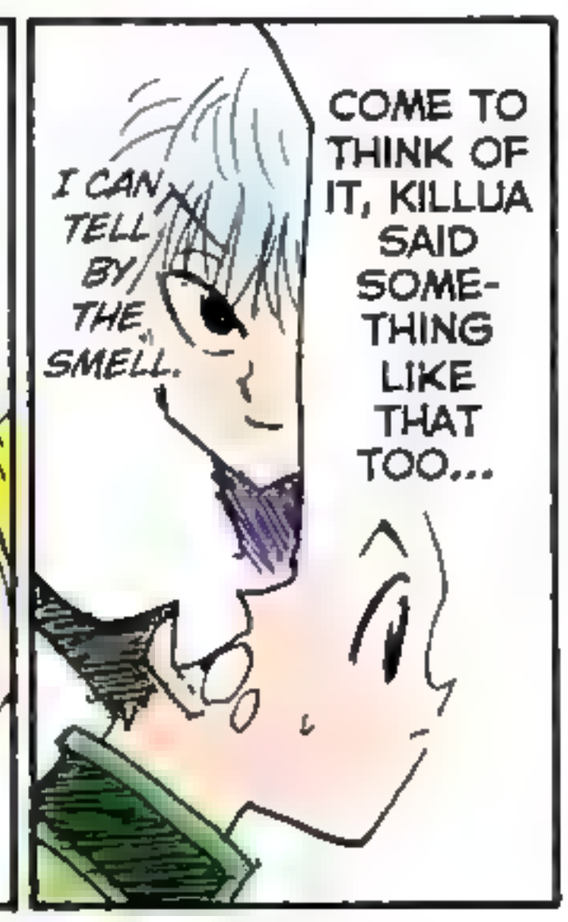
SO BASICALLY HISOKA WAS JUDGING US.

HE SAID HE WAS PLAYING EXAMINER.

DON'T WORRY, I DIDN'T KILL YOUR FRIEND.

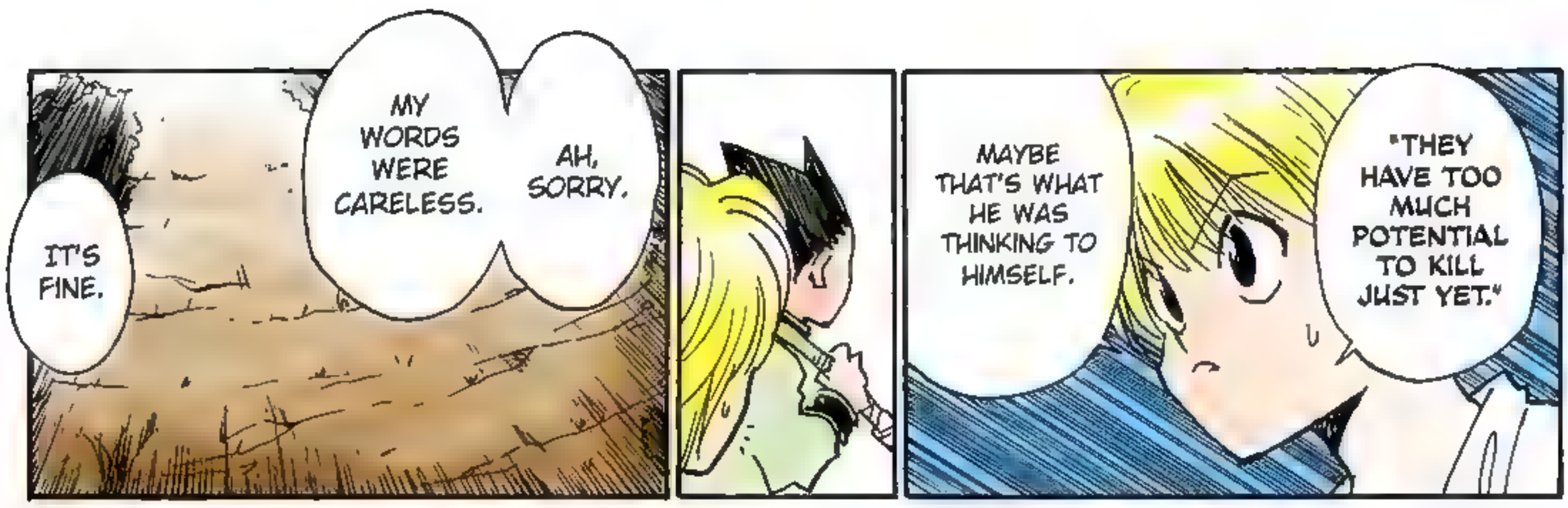


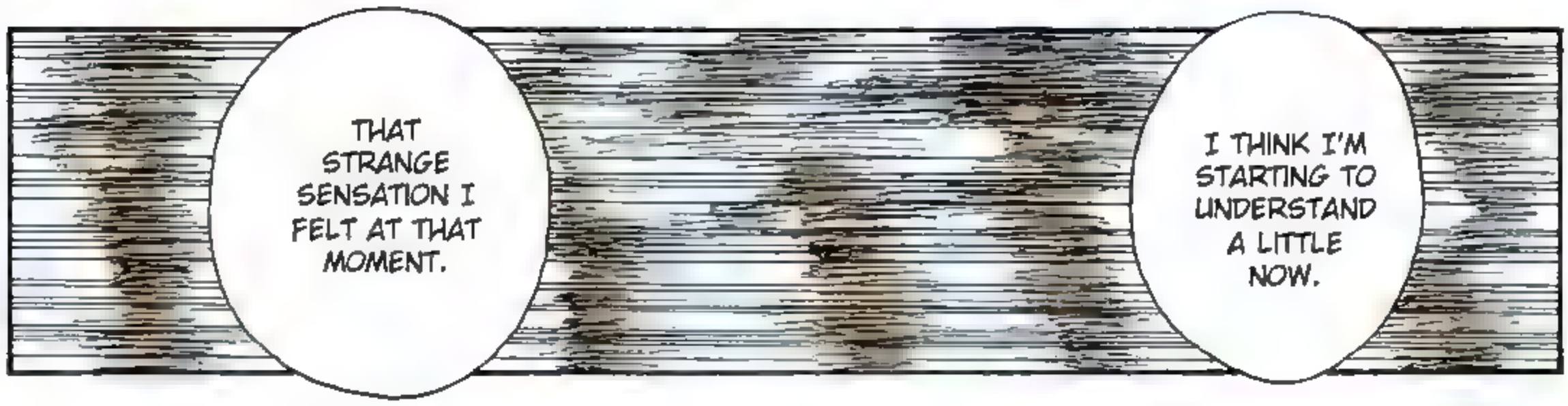


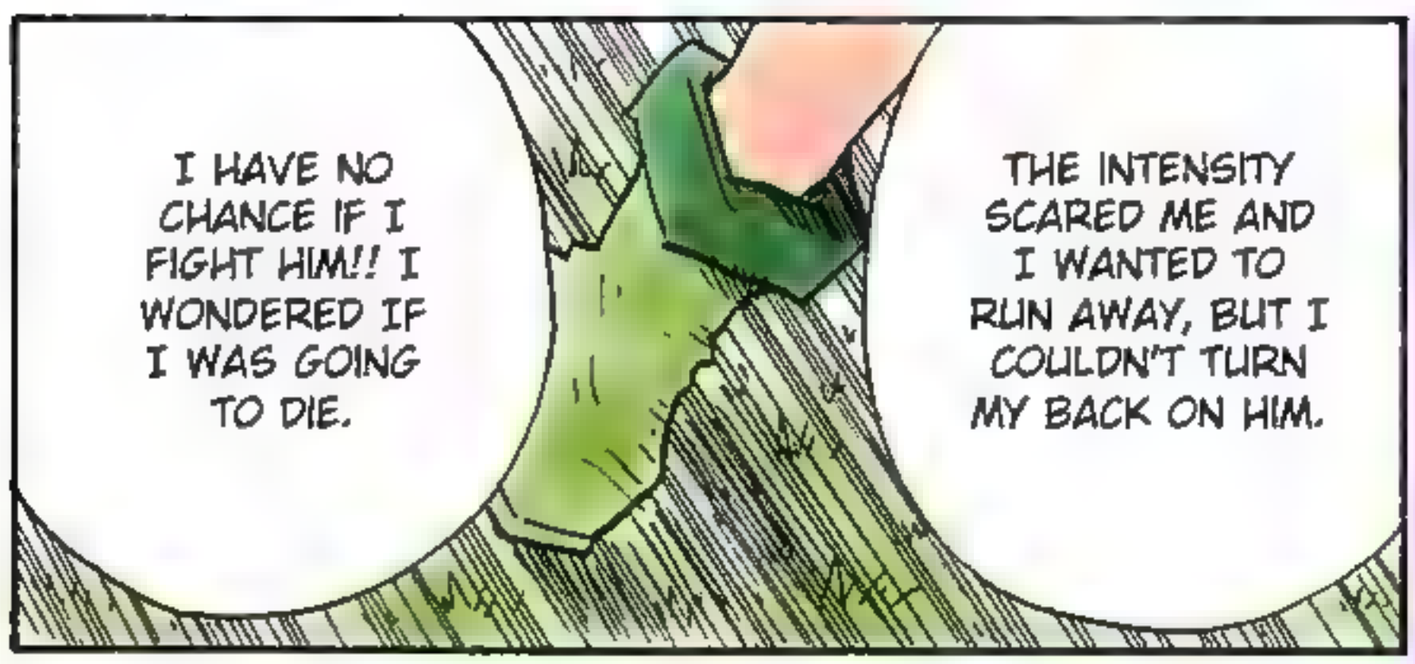


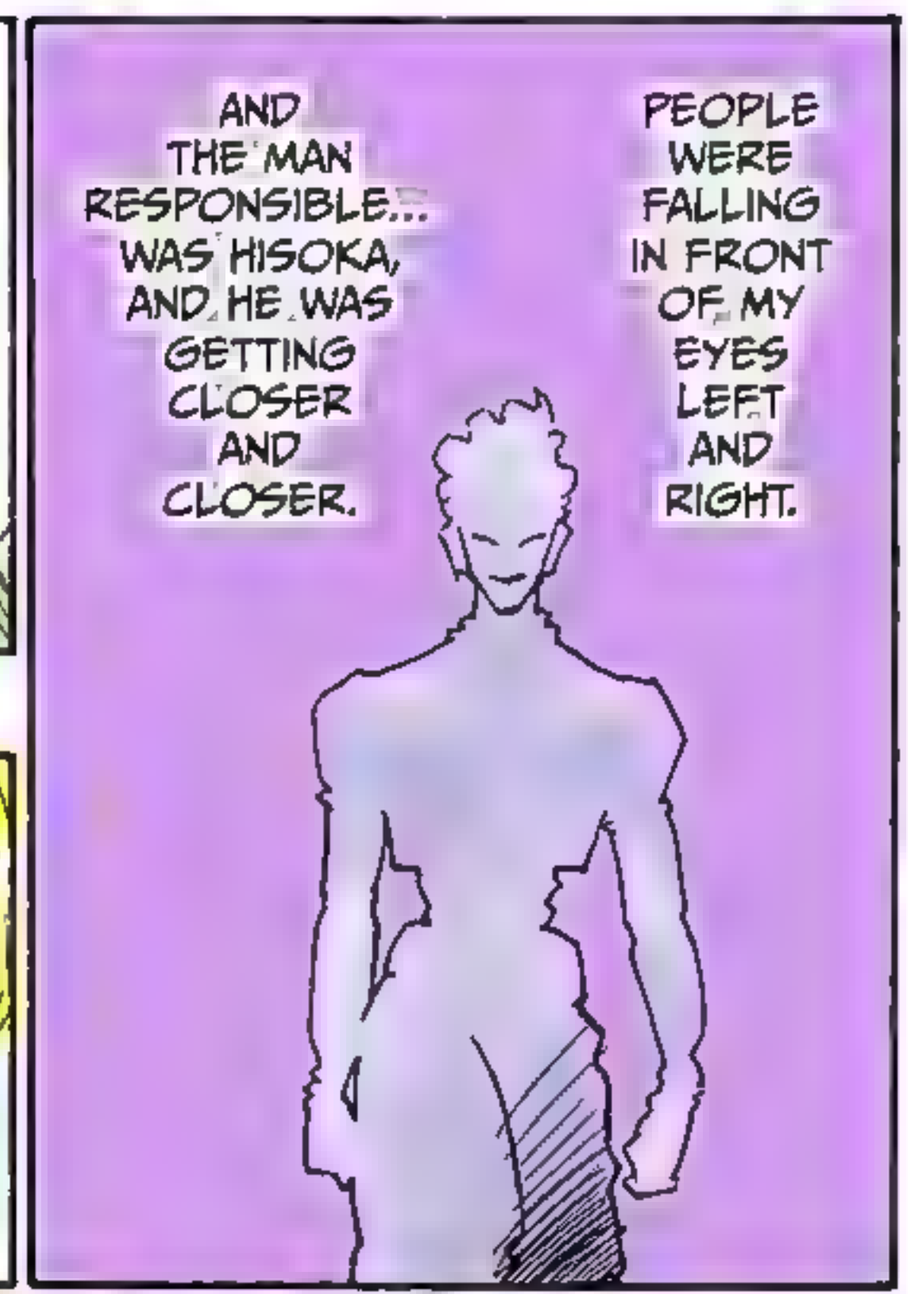

PERHAPS WITH HIS INSTINCT AND EXPERIENCE, HISOKA FELT THAT YOU TWO HAD THE MAKINGS AND POTENTIAL OF A HUNTER?

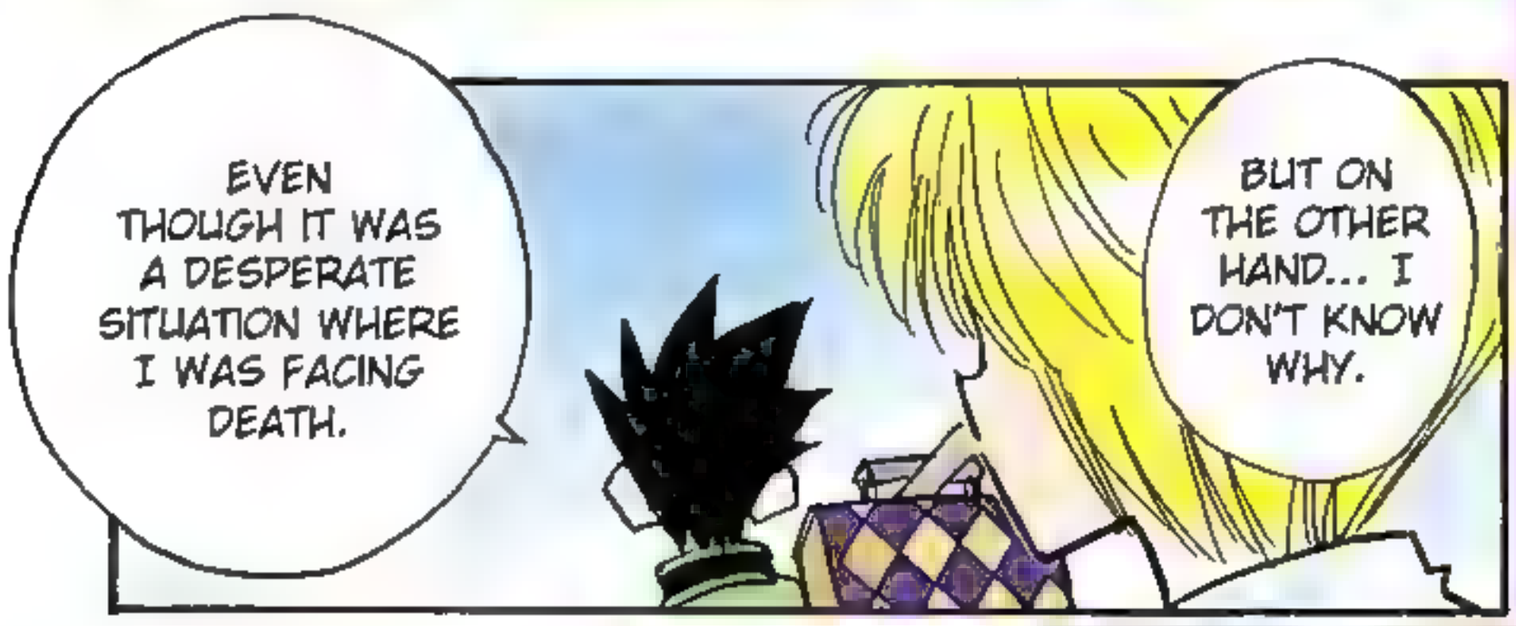
IT'S COMMON FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A UNIQUE ABILITY TO FIND OTHERS WITH A SIMILAR TALENT.


IT'S FINE.
MY WORDS WERE CARELESS.
AH, SORRY.
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT HE WAS THINKING TO HIMSELF.
"THEY HAVE TOO MUCH POTENTIAL TO KILL JUST YET."

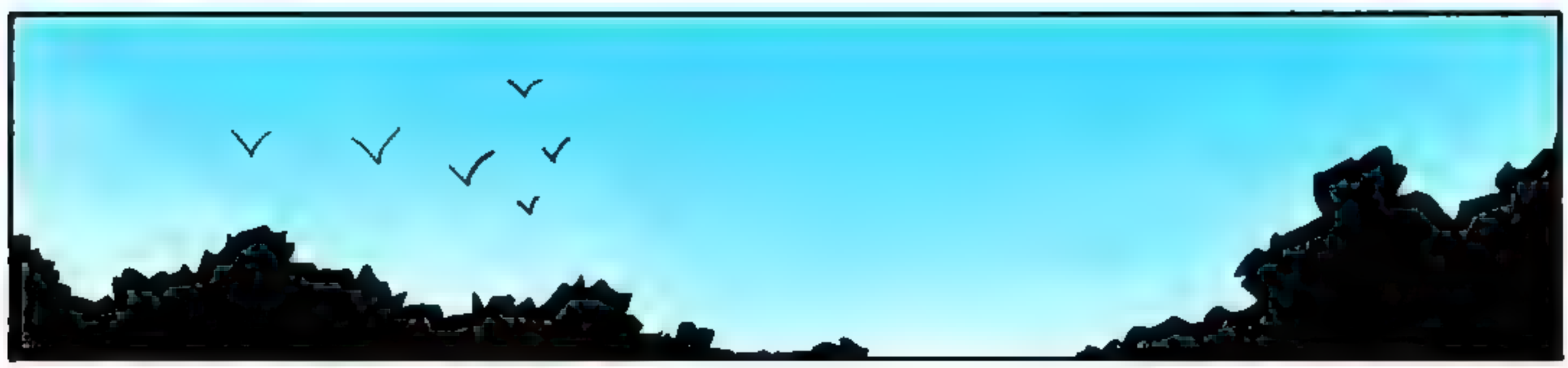

THAT STRANGE SENSATION I FELT AT THAT MOMENT.
I THINK I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND A LITTLE NOW.

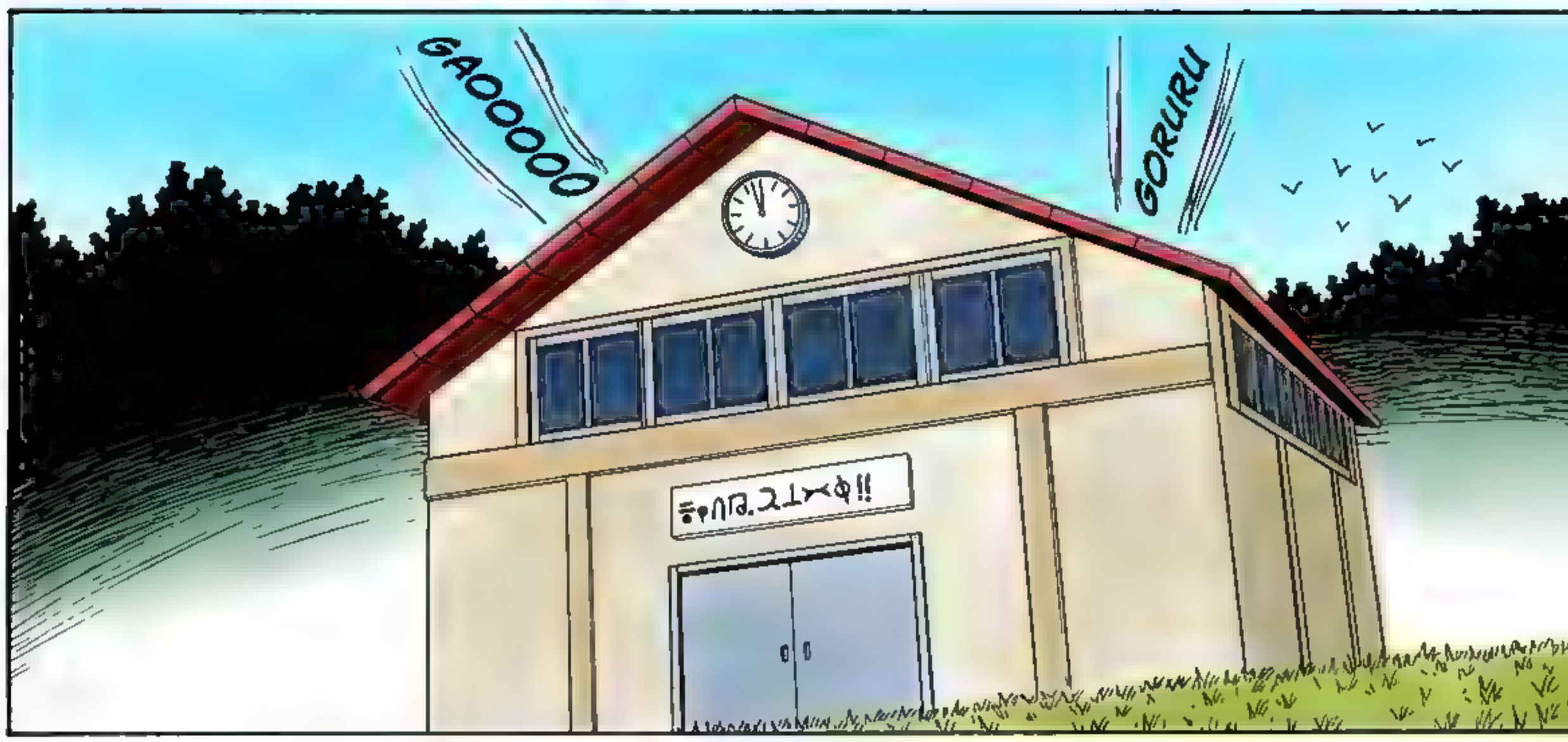

I HAVE NO CHANCE IF I FIGHT HIM!! I WONDERED IF I WAS GOING TO DIE.
THE INTENSITY SCARED ME AND I WANTED TO RUN AWAY, BUT I COULDN'T TURN MY BACK ON HIM.


AND THE MAN RESPONSIBLE... WAS HISOKA, AND HE WAS GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER.
PEOPLE WERE FALLING IN FRONT OF MY EYES LEFT AND RIGHT.


EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A DESPERATE SITUATION WHERE I WAS FACING DEATH.
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND... I DON'T KNOW WHY.

I FELT A LITTLE NERVOUS WITH EXCITEMENT.
WASN'T IT STRANGE?

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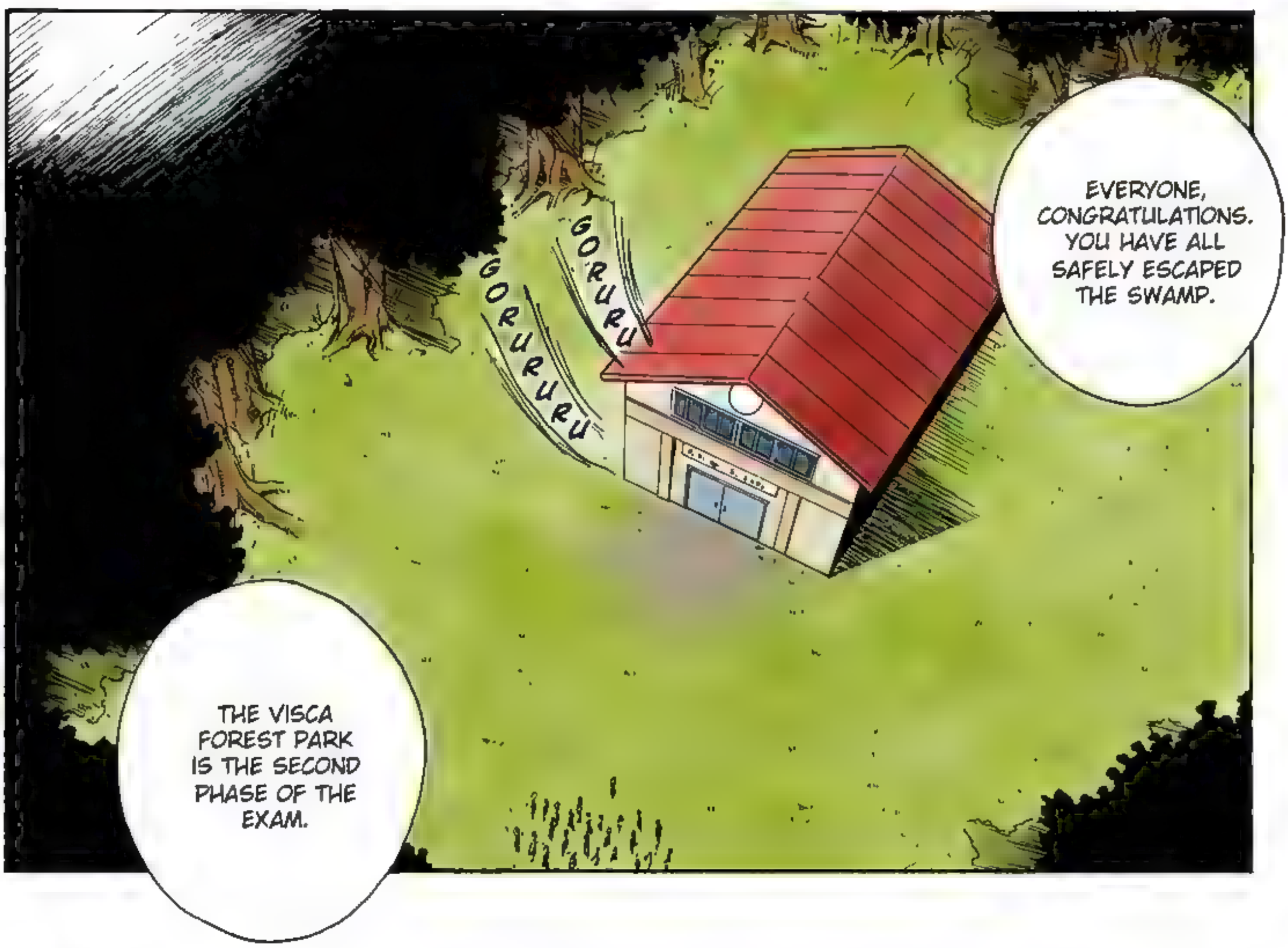
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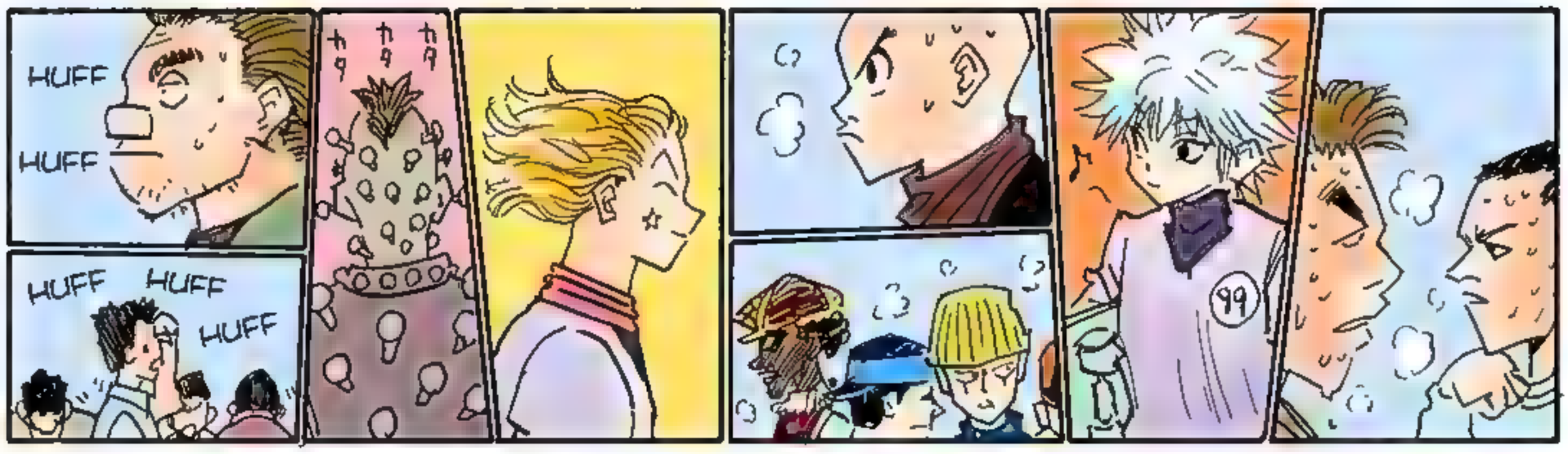
EVERYONE, CONGRATULATIONS. YOU HAVE ALL SAFELY ESCAPED THE SWAMP.
THE VISCA FOREST PARK IS THE SECOND PHASE OF THE EXAM.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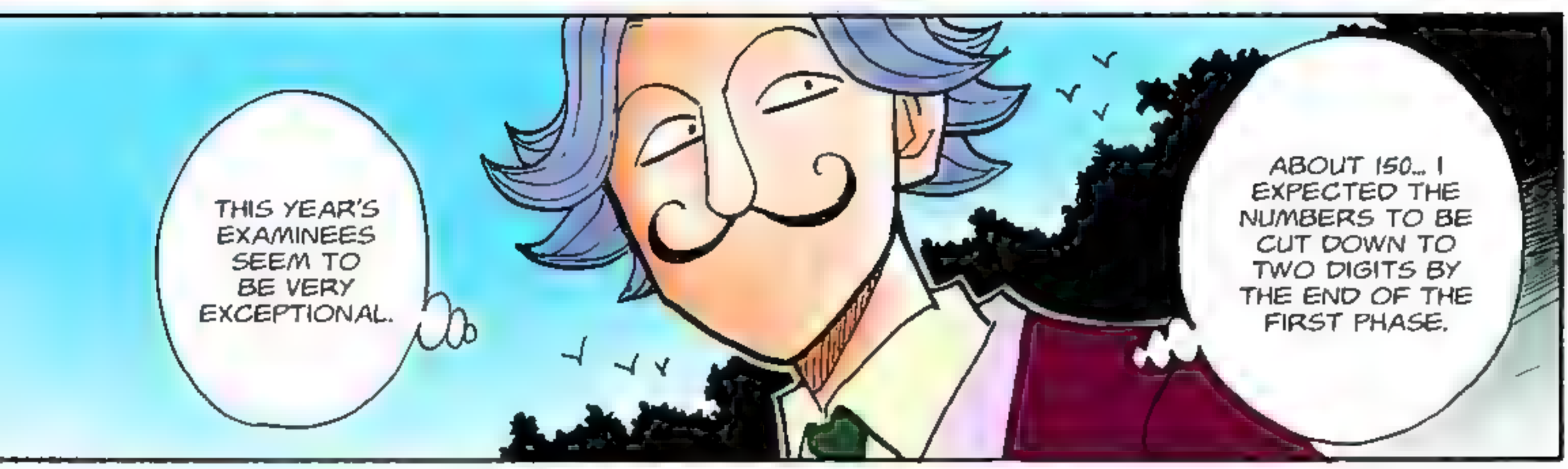
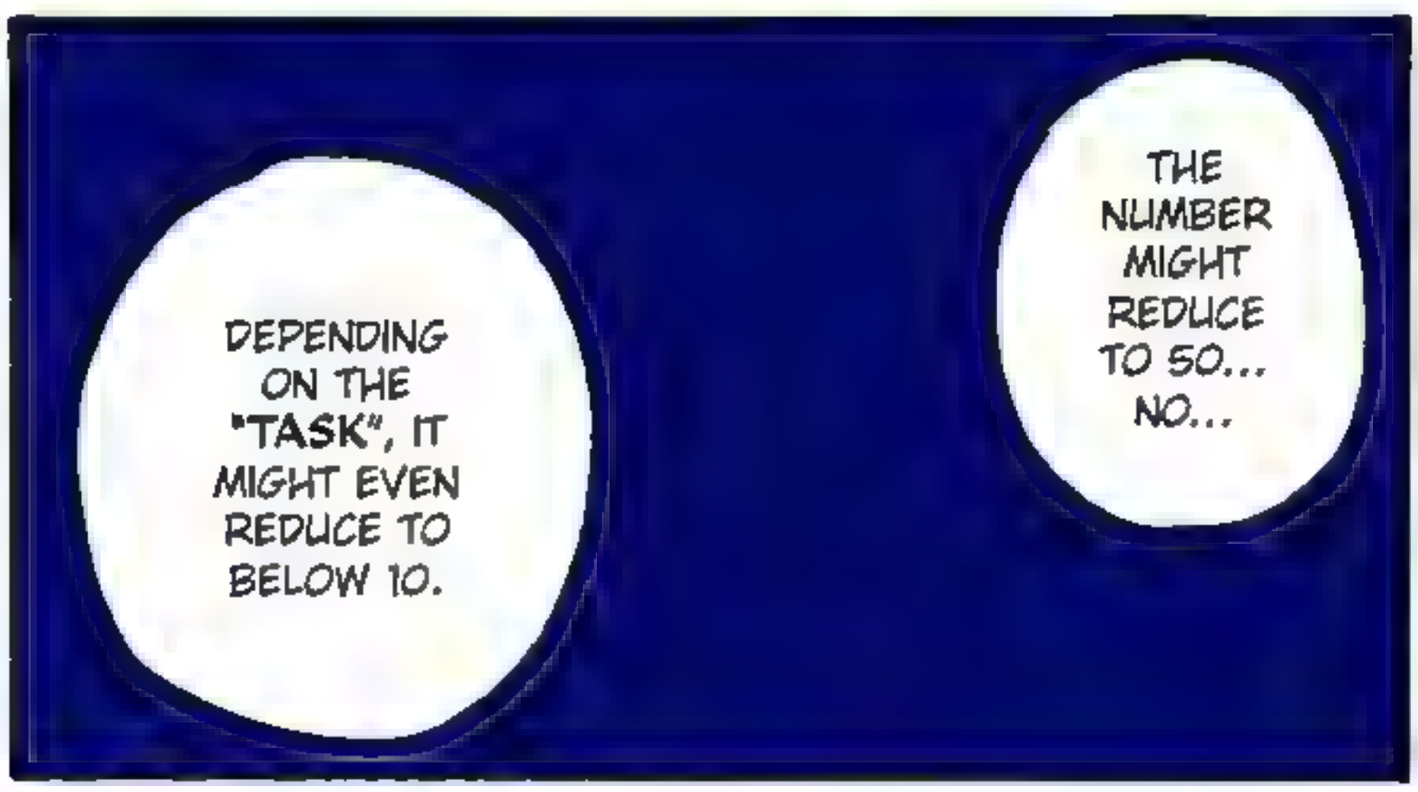
I WISH EVERYONE GOOD LUCK.
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE.


THIS YEAR'S EXAMINEES SEEM TO BE VERY EXCEPTIONAL.
ABOUT 150... I EXPECTED THE NUMBERS TO BE CUT DOWN TO TWO DIGITS BY THE END OF THE FIRST PHASE.


DEPENDING ON THE "TASK", IT MIGHT EVEN REDUCE TO BELOW 10.
THE NUMBER MIGHT REDUCE TO 50... NO...

WHICH MAKES IT EVEN MORE UNFORTU-NATE...
THAT THE SECOND EXAMINERS ARE MENCHI AND BUHARA.

MAYBE I'LL STICK AROUND AND WATCH.
IT'S A BIT WORRI-SOME.

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GURURU
GOOH
GAOH
GIRIRI
I DON'T THINK WE'RE LATE.
WHERE'S HISOKA AND LEORIO ...?!
LEORIO !!

I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER ANYTHING FROM AFTER WE ENTERED THE SWAMP.

BUT HOW DID I GET INJURED LIKE THIS?

YEAH.

BEST NOT TO SAY ANY-THING...

HUH? OH, JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO.

WHEN DID YOU WAKE UP?

I THOUGHT SO...

YOU SEEM FINE, EXCEPT FOR THE INJURY ON YOUR ARM.

JUST... LOOK AT MY FACE.

THAT'S COLD!

WE CAN'T GET IN.

BUT WHY IS EVERYONE OUTSIDE?

YEAH.

YOU FOLLOWED THE SCENT OF COLOGNE ...?!

SO WHY ISN'T ANYONE GOING INSIDE?

MAYBE...

YOU'RE LIKE A DOG OR SOMETHING.

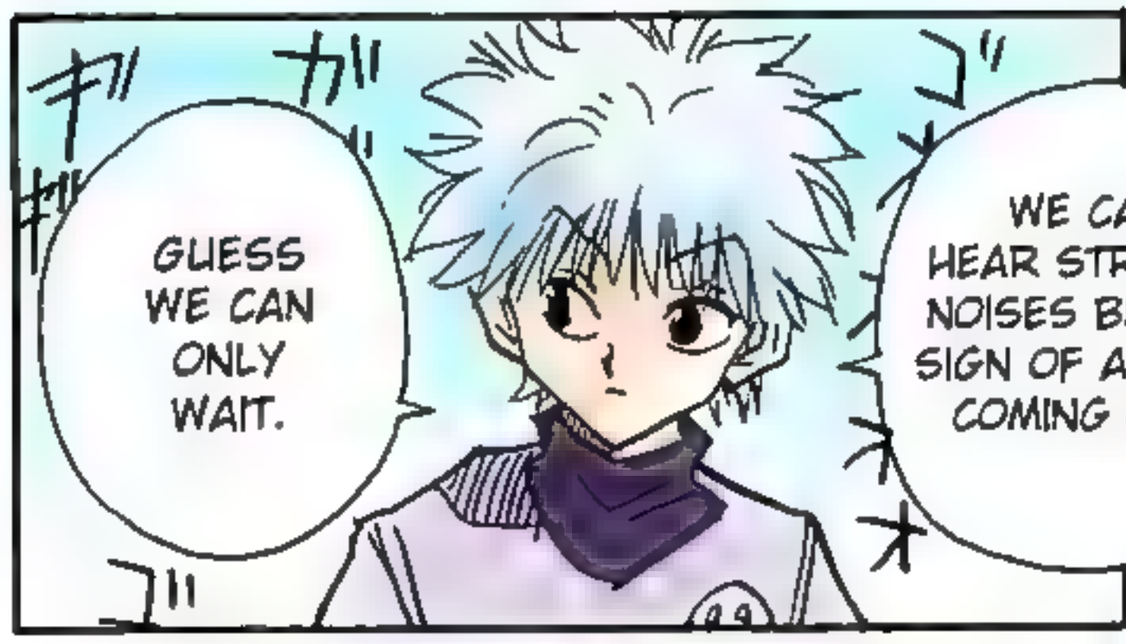
YOU... REALLY ARE A PECULIAR ONE...

WHAT DID YOU DO TO GET HERE?

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BACK AT ALL.

KILLUA !

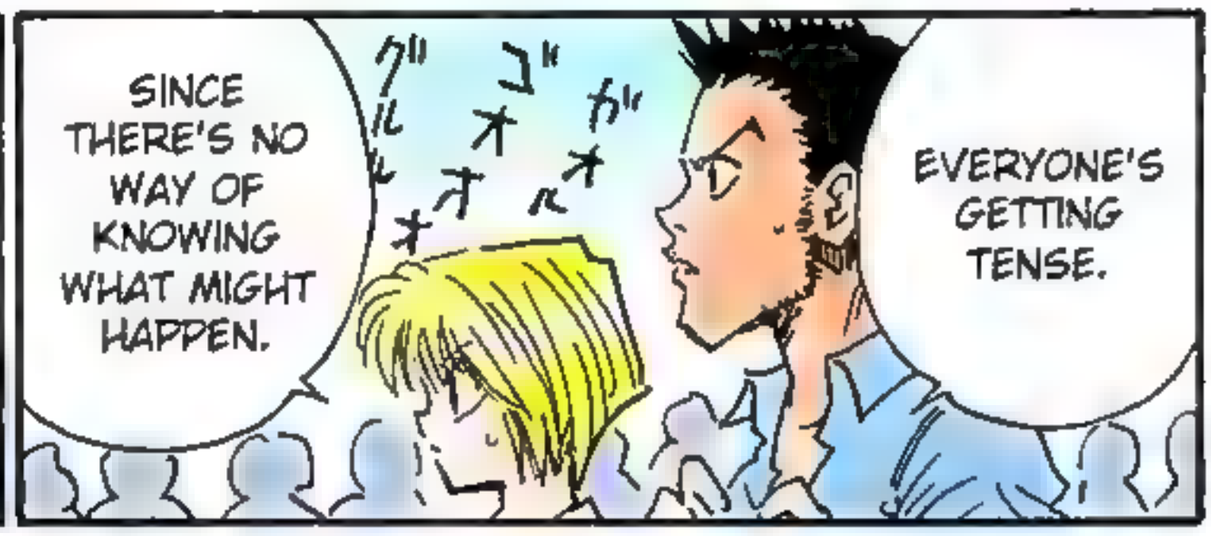
YO.

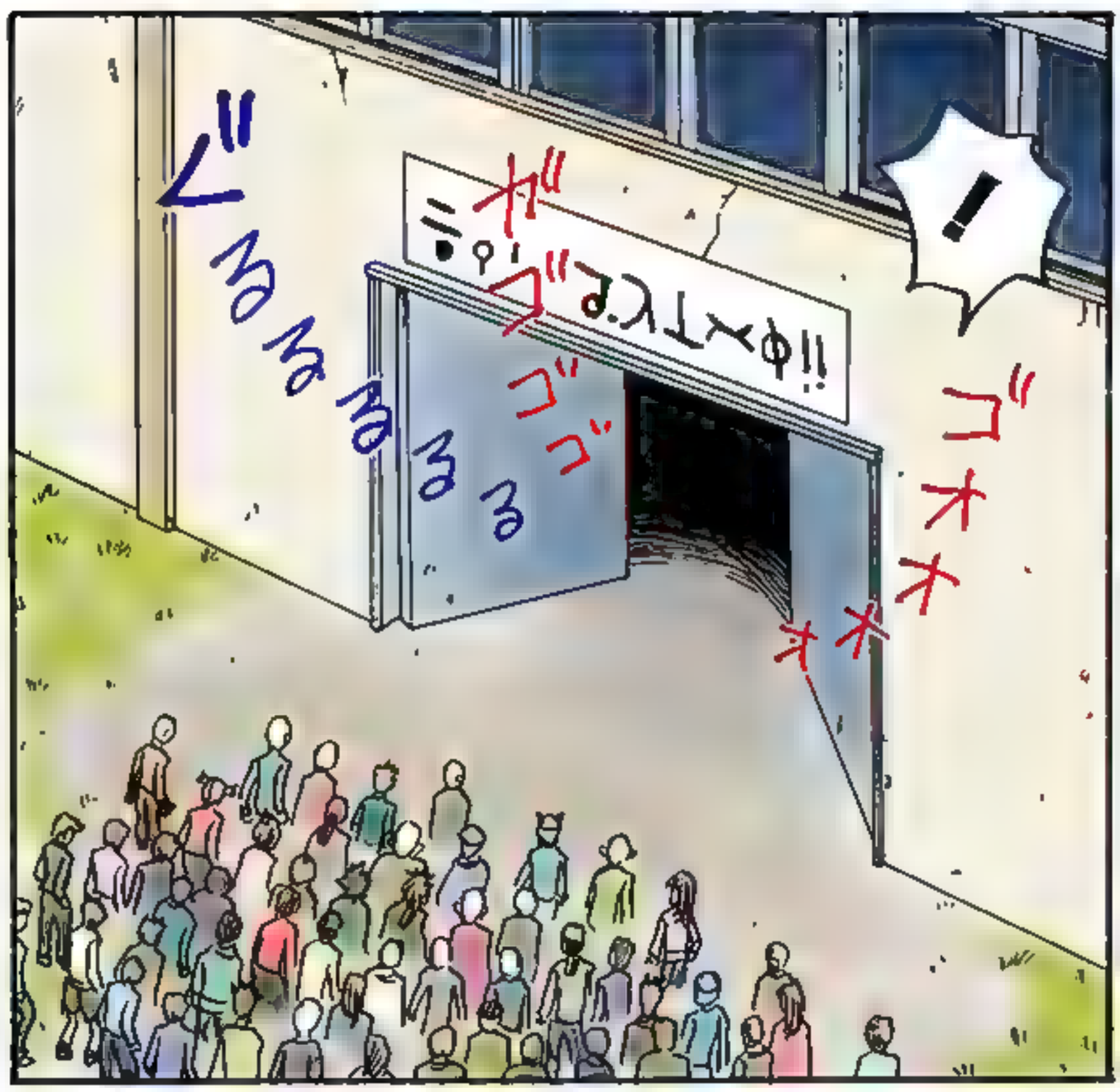

GUESS WE CAN ONLY WAIT.
WE CAN HEAR STRANGE NOISES BUT NO SIGN OF ANYONE COMING OUT.

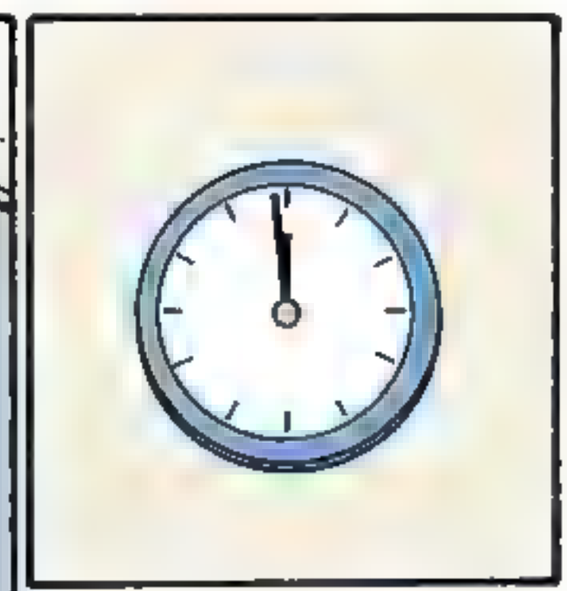
AS YOU CAN SEE.
THE SECOND PHASE WILL BEGIN SOON

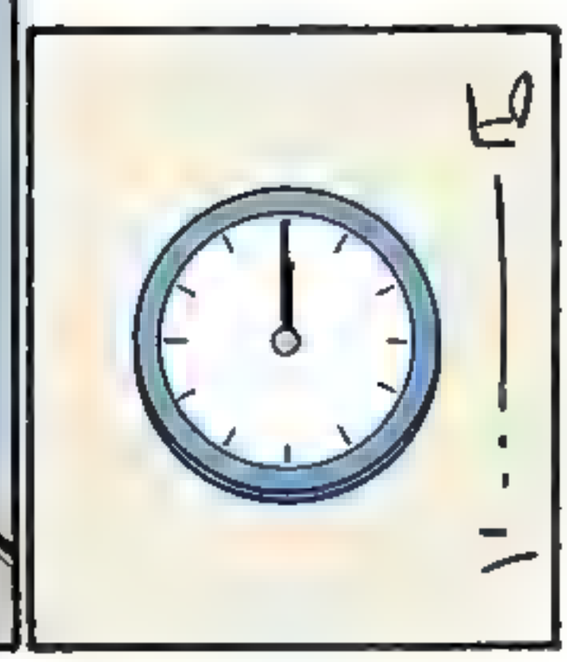
YEAH.
IT'S ALMOST TIME.

WE MIGHT GET ATTACKED BY SURPRISE.
GOTTA BE CAREFUL ...


SINCE THERE'S NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.
EVERYONE'S GETTING TENSE.







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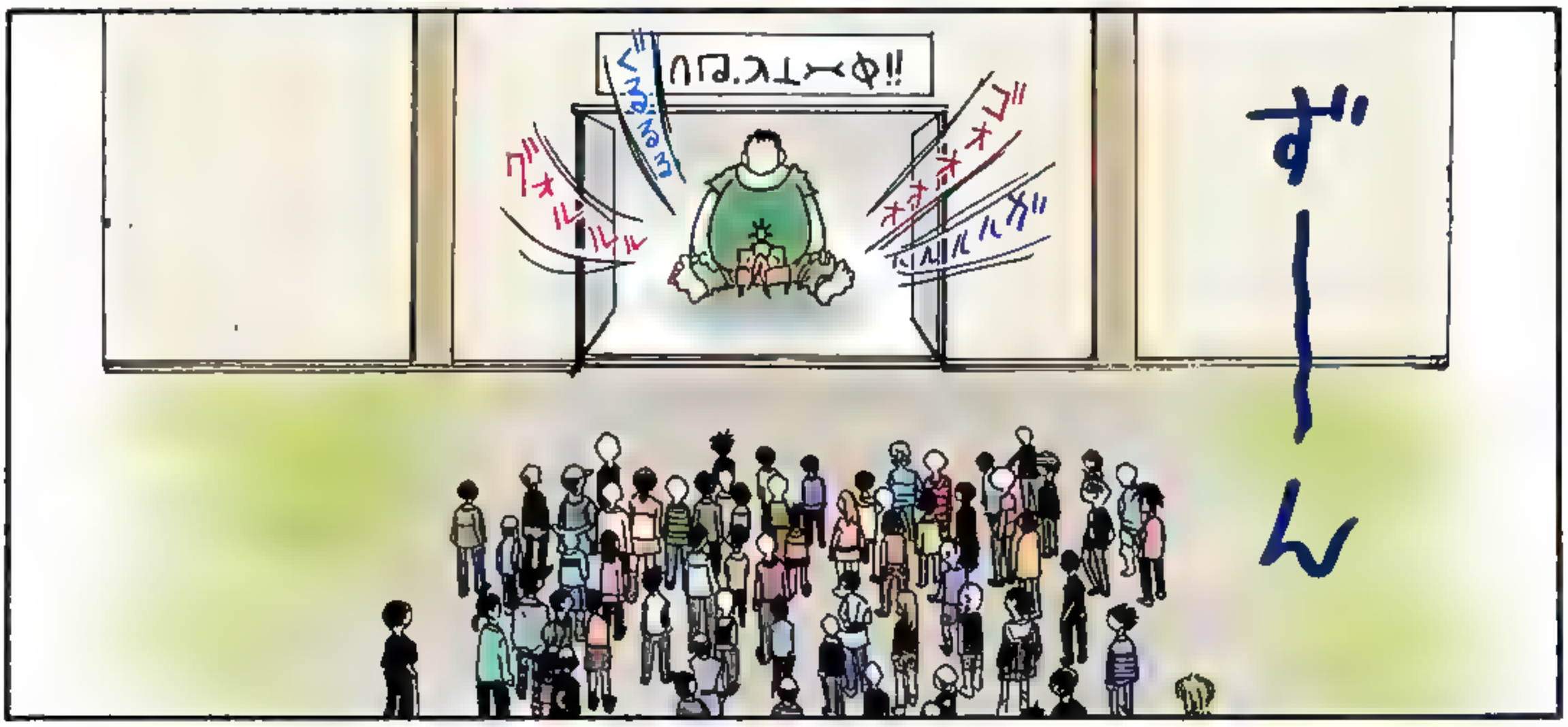


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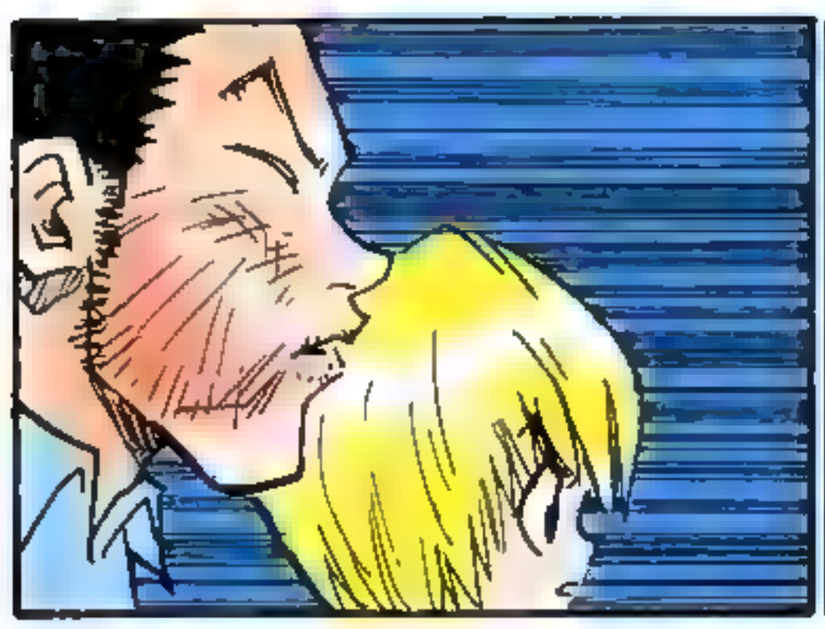
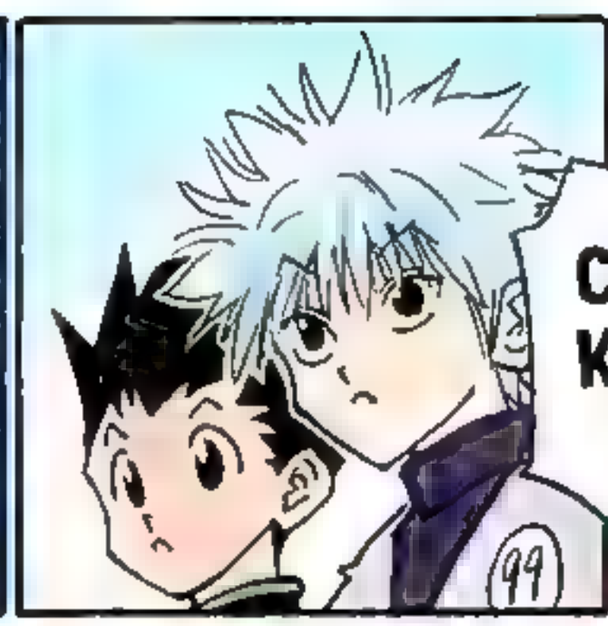
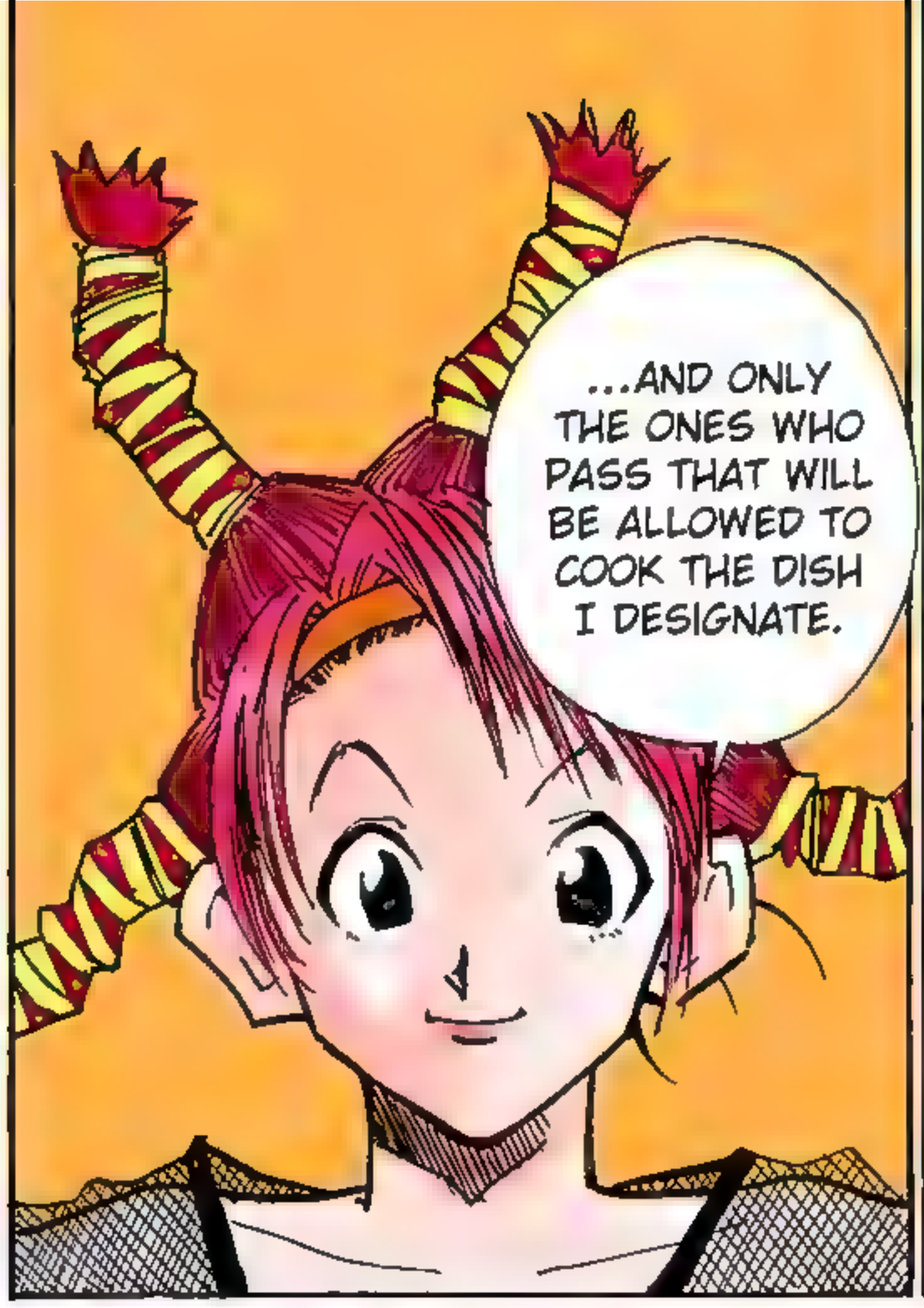
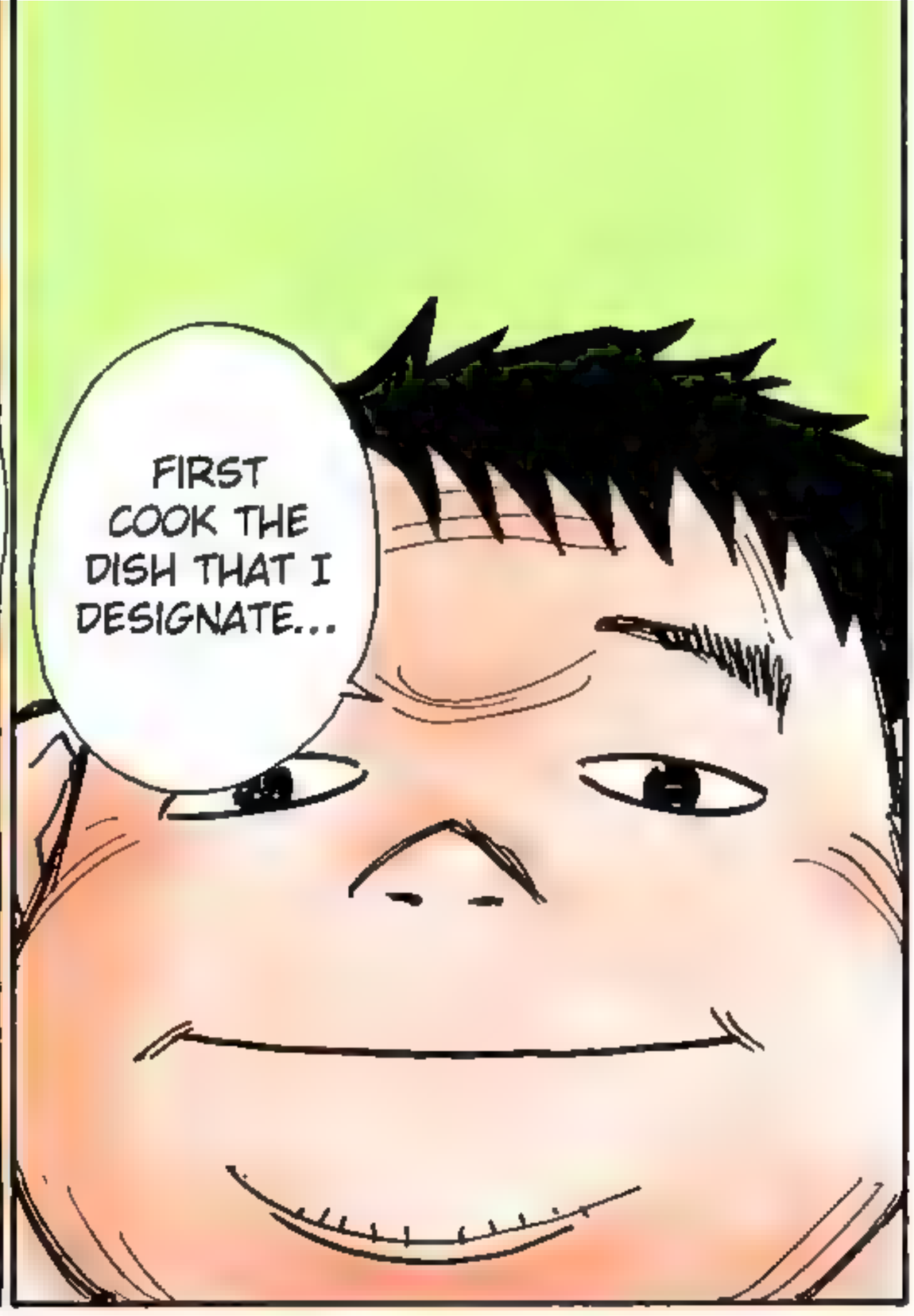
CAN'T YOU HEAR IT? I'M STARVING.

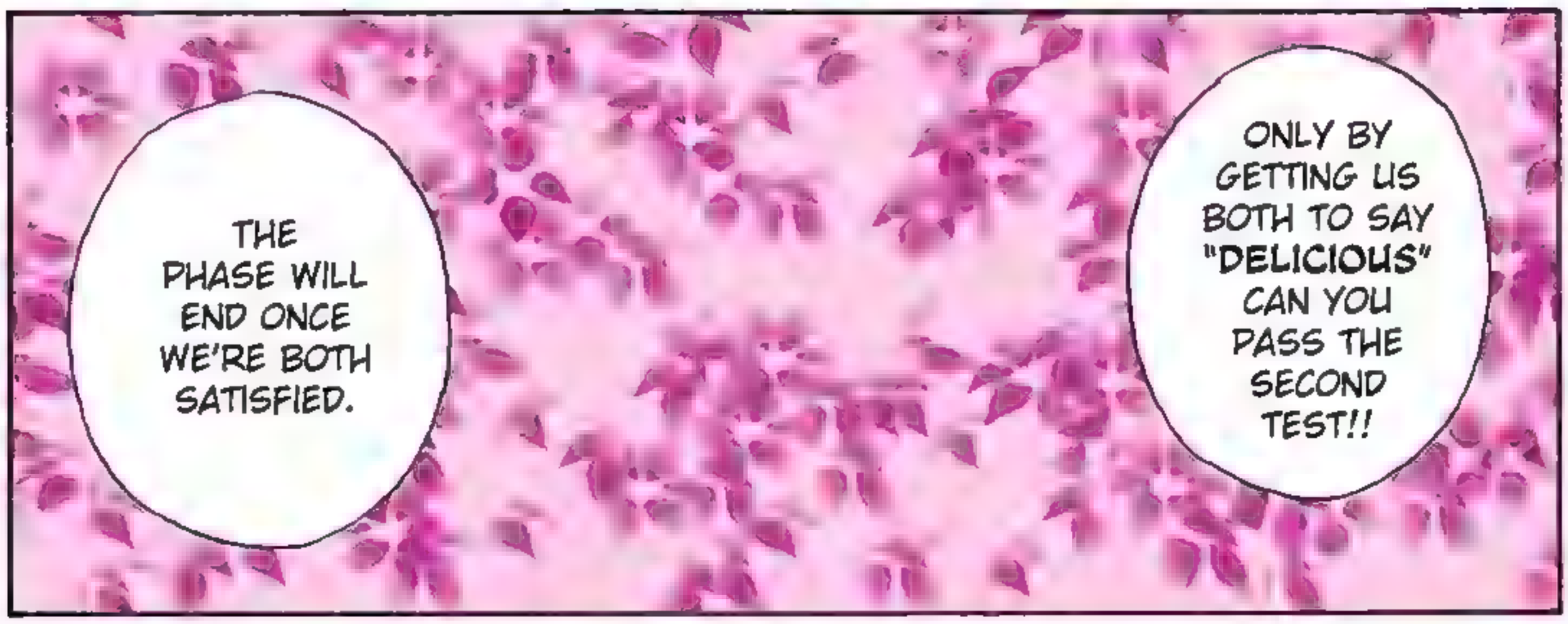
SO? YOU'RE REALLY HUNGRY?

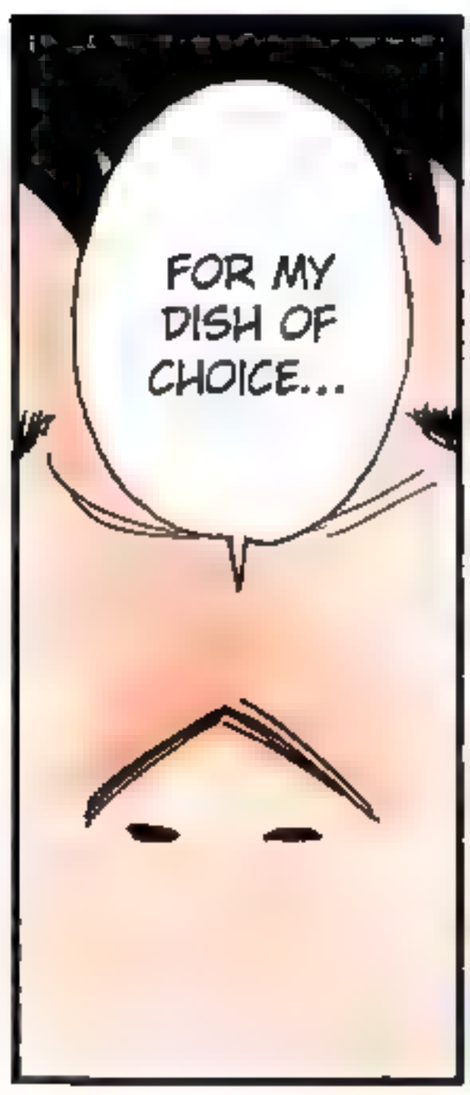





...AND ONLY THE ONES WHO PASS THAT WILL BE ALLOWED TO COOK THE DISH I DESIGNATE.

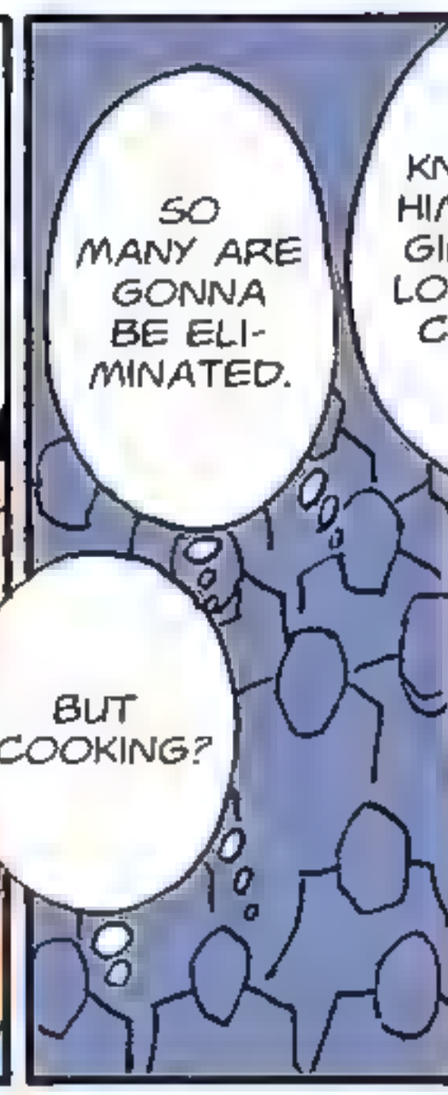

FIRST COOK THE DISH THAT I DESIGNATE...

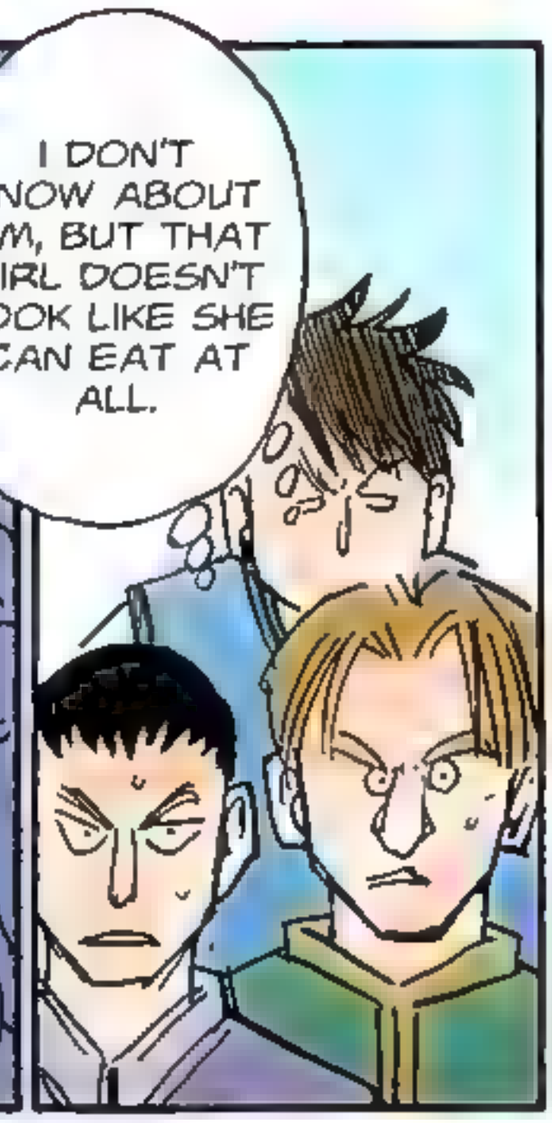

THE PHASE WILL END ONCE WE'RE BOTH SATISFIED.
ONLY BY GETTING US BOTH TO SAY "DELICIOUS" CAN YOU PASS THE SECOND TEST!!

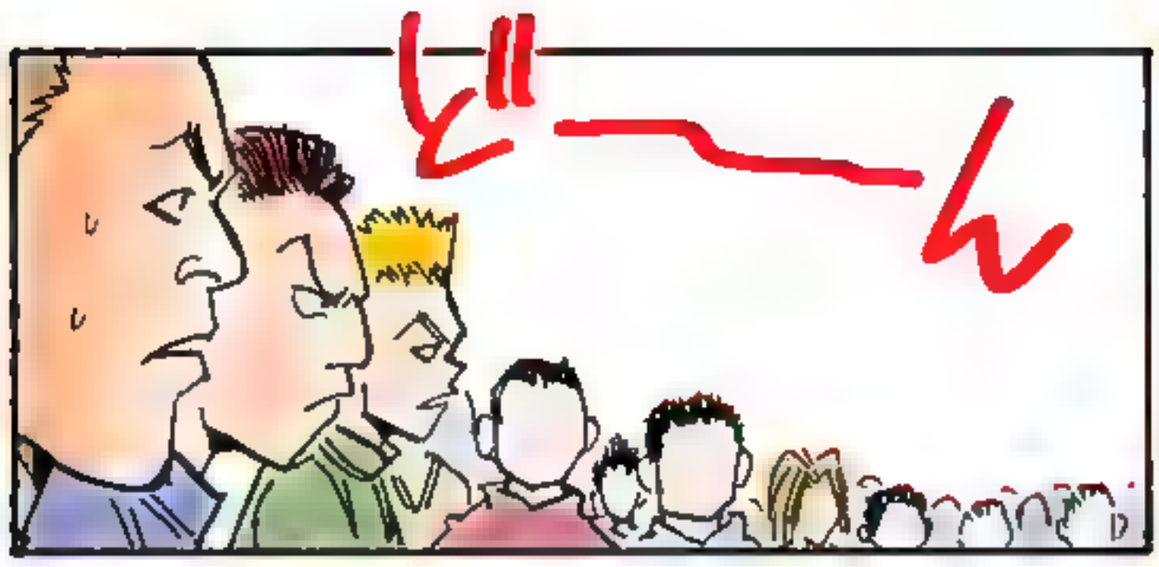

FOR MY DISH OF CHOICE...

BUT... WHAT KIND OF DISH COULD THEY HAVE US COOK ...?!

SHIT, I'VE NEVER EVEN COOKED BEFORE.
I NEVER IMAGINED AN EXAM LIKE THIS.


SO MANY ARE GONNA BE ELI-MINATED.
BUT COOKING?


I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM, BUT THAT GIRL DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE CAN EAT AT ALL.



LET THE SECOND PHASE BEGIN!!

SECOND PHASE FIRST HALF, BUHARA'S MENU: 148 PARTICIPANTS.

EVEN AT HIS SIZE, THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH HE CAN EAT.

BUT WE HAVE TO CATCH IT QUICKLY.

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS CATCH A PIG AND ROAST IT.

MAN! TO BE HONEST, I'M RELIEVED!! IT'S A SIMPLE DISH.

THAT'S PRETTY CRUEL OF YOU.

ANY KIND OF PIG WILL DO?

THAT RESIDES IN THE VISCA FOREST, RIGHT?

THERE'S ONLY ONE TYPE OF PIG...

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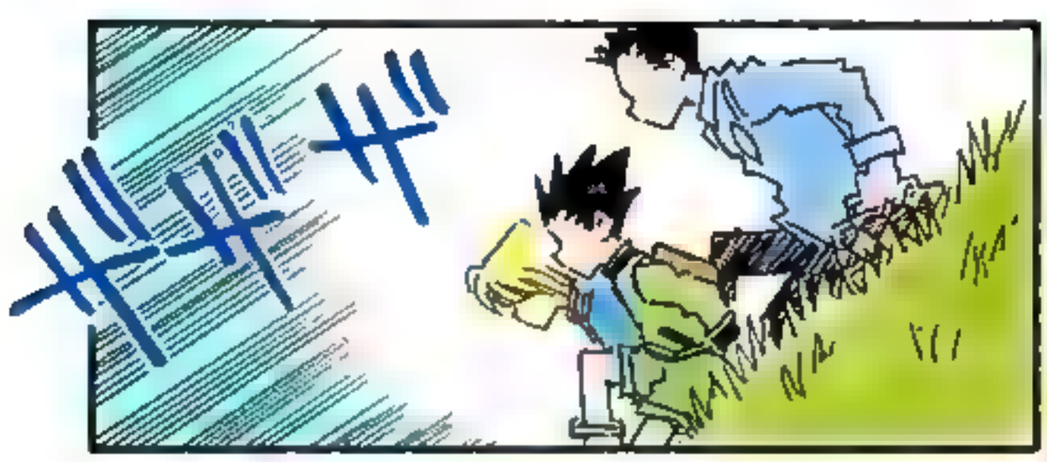

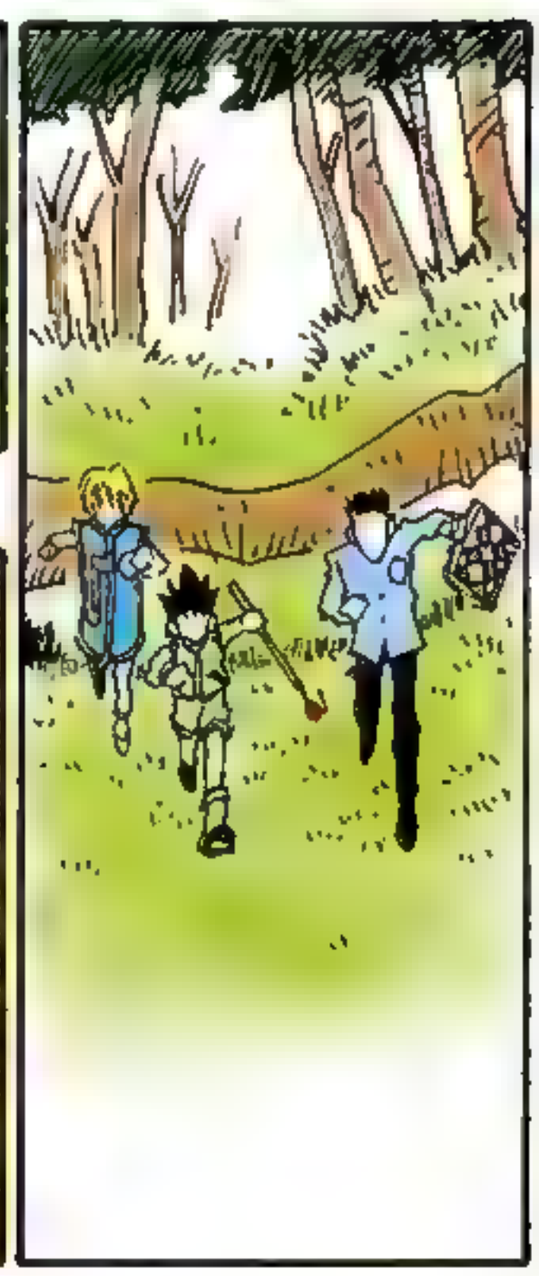

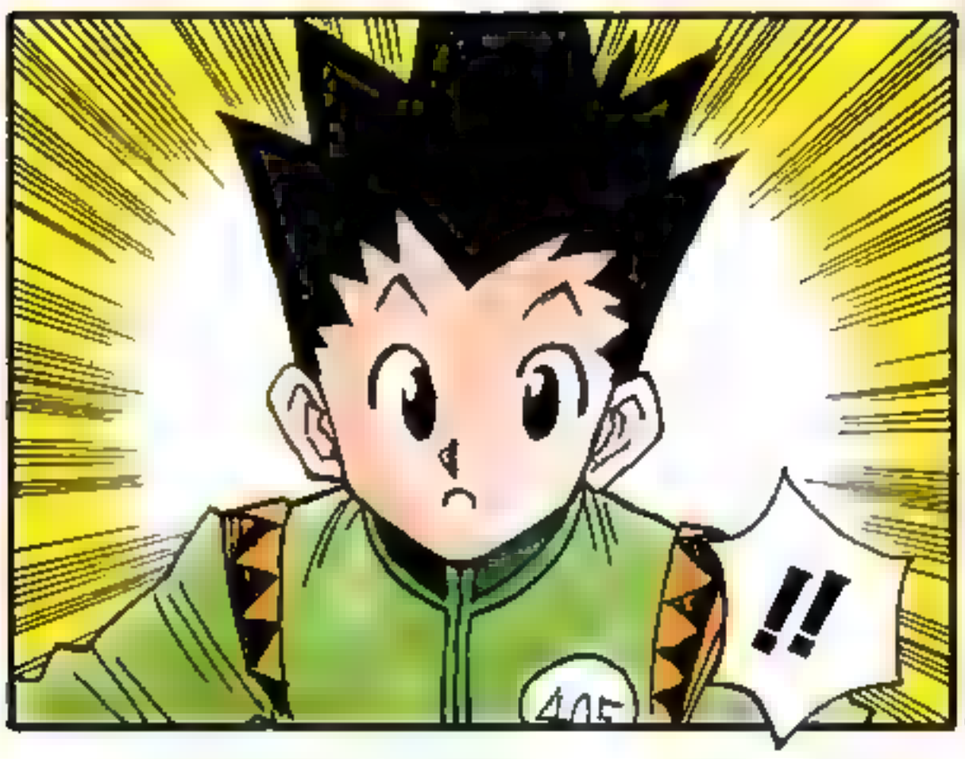


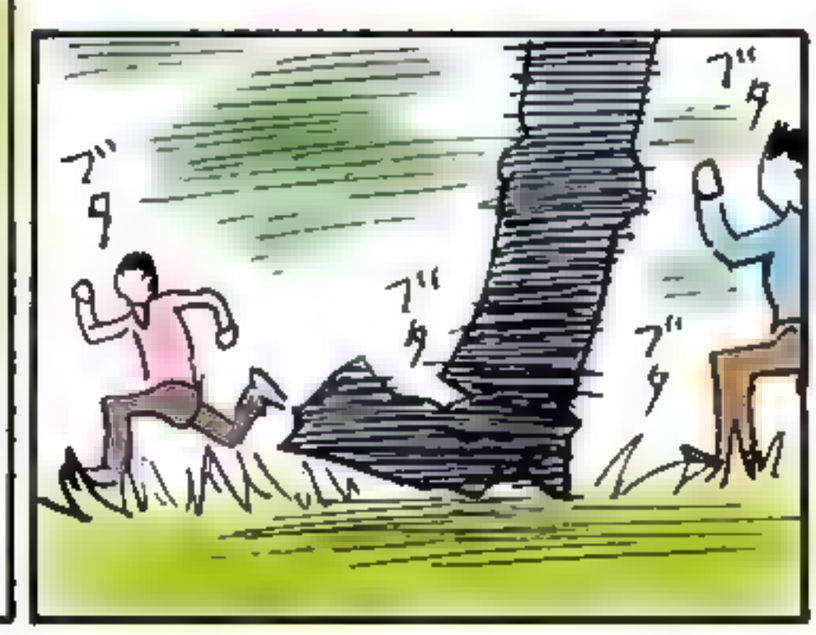

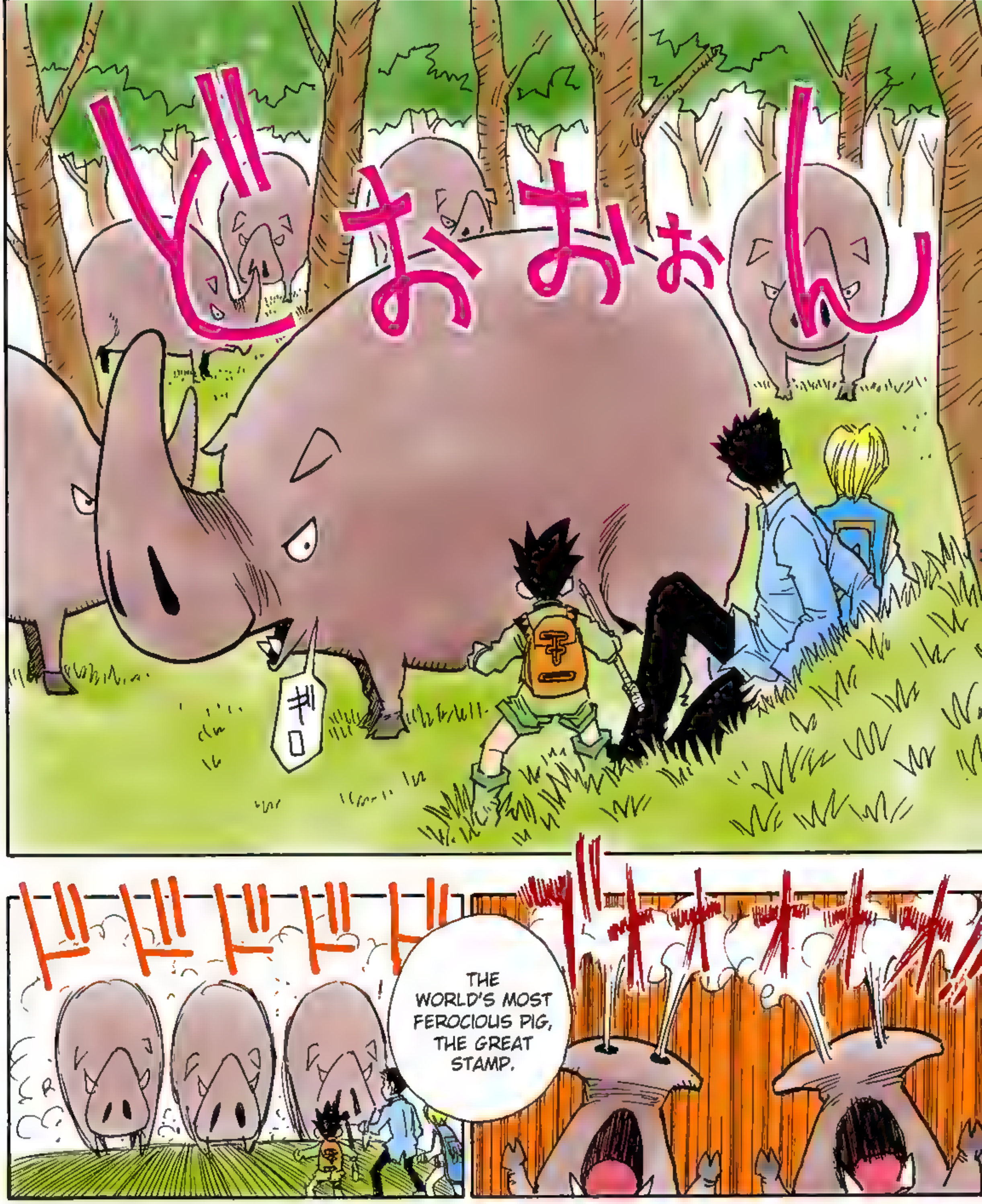
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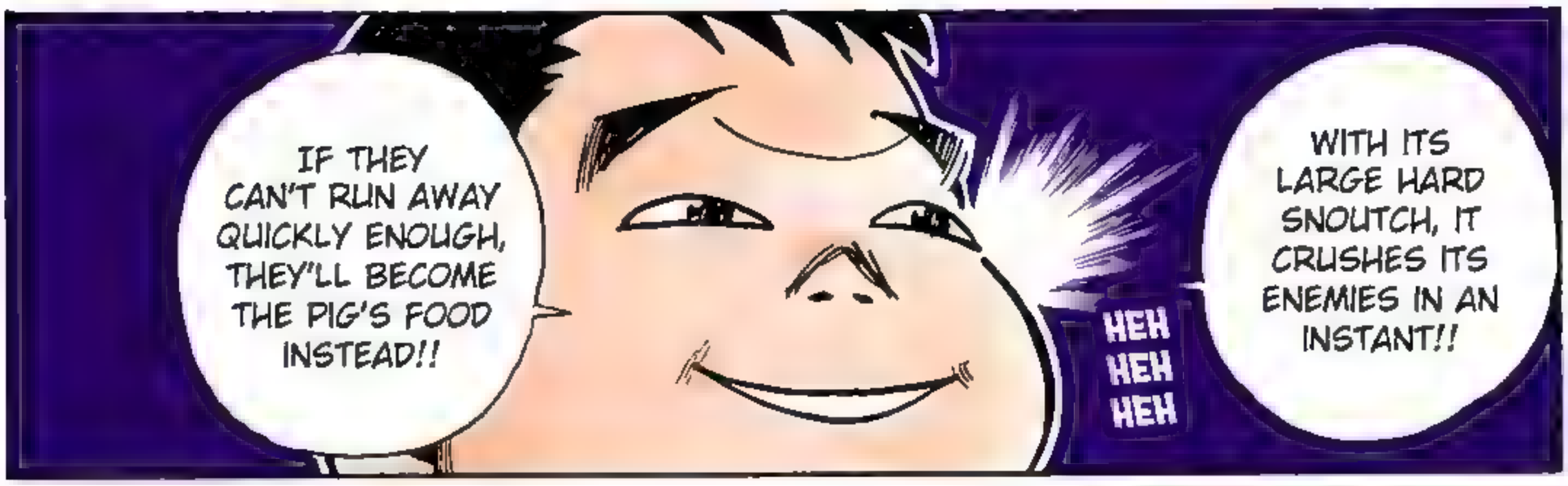
THE WORLD'S MOST FEROCIOUS PIG, THE GREAT STAMP.


IF THEY CAN'T RUN AWAY QUICKLY ENOUGH, THEY'LL BECOME THE PIG'S FOOD INSTEAD!!
HEH HEH HEH
WITH ITS LARGE HARD SNOUTCH, IT CRUSHES ITS ENEMIES IN AN INSTANT!!

WHOA-AAAAAAH...!!!

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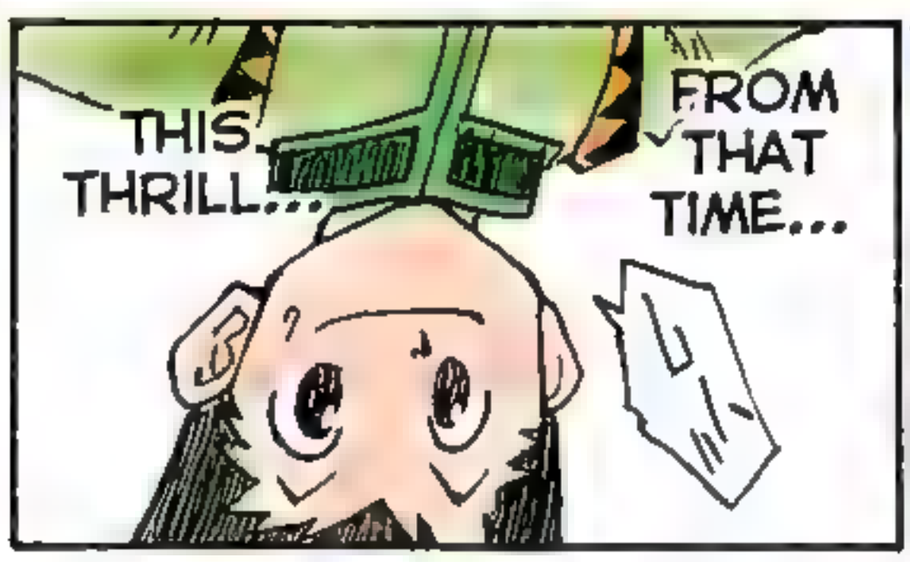
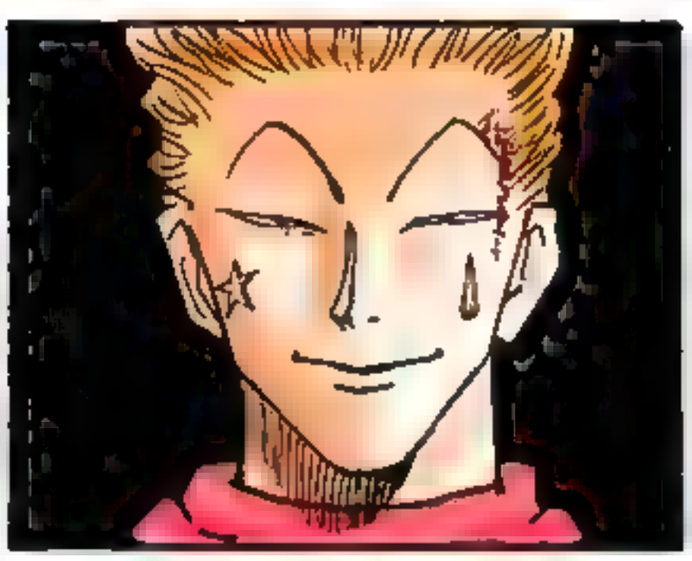
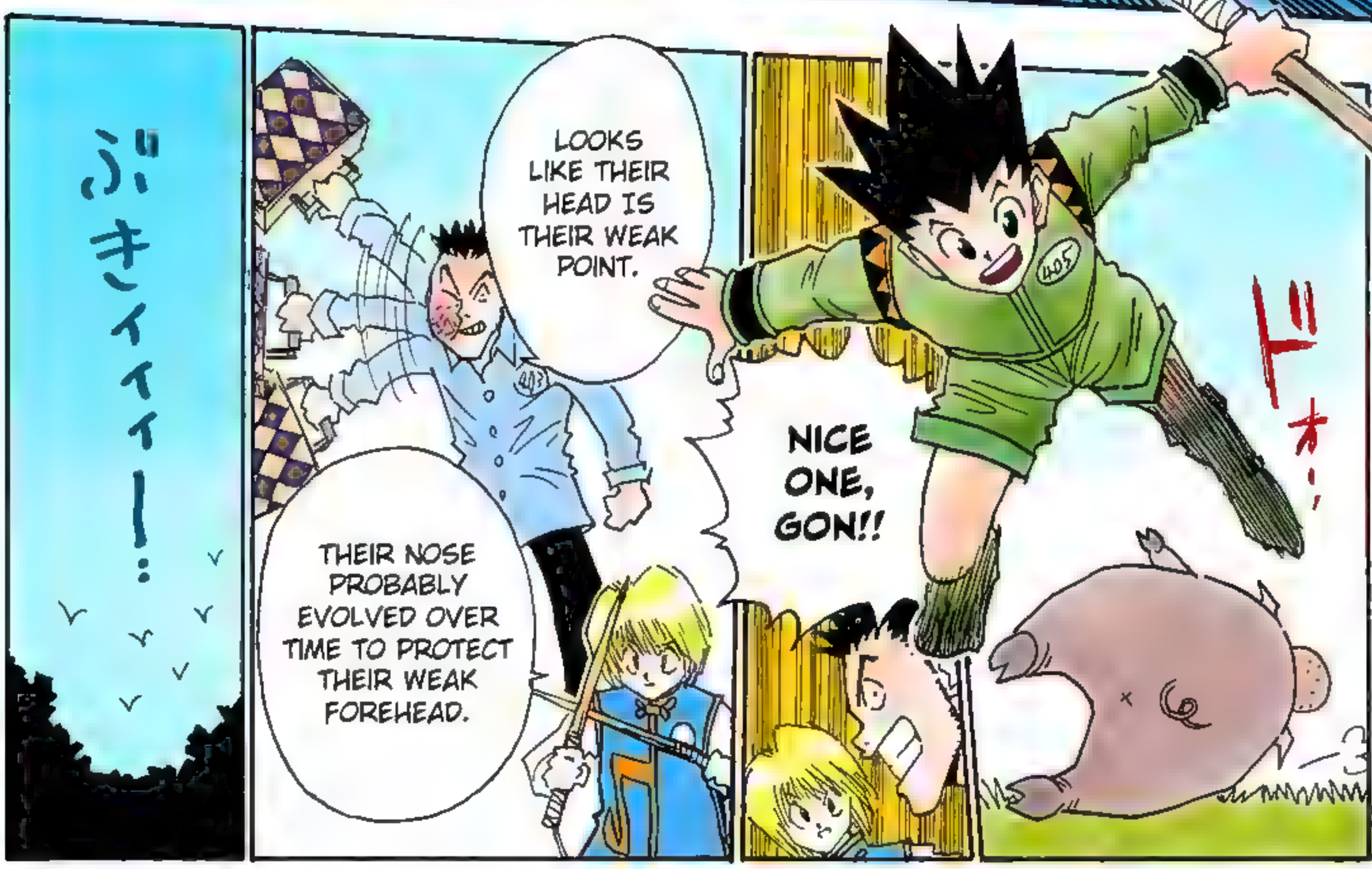
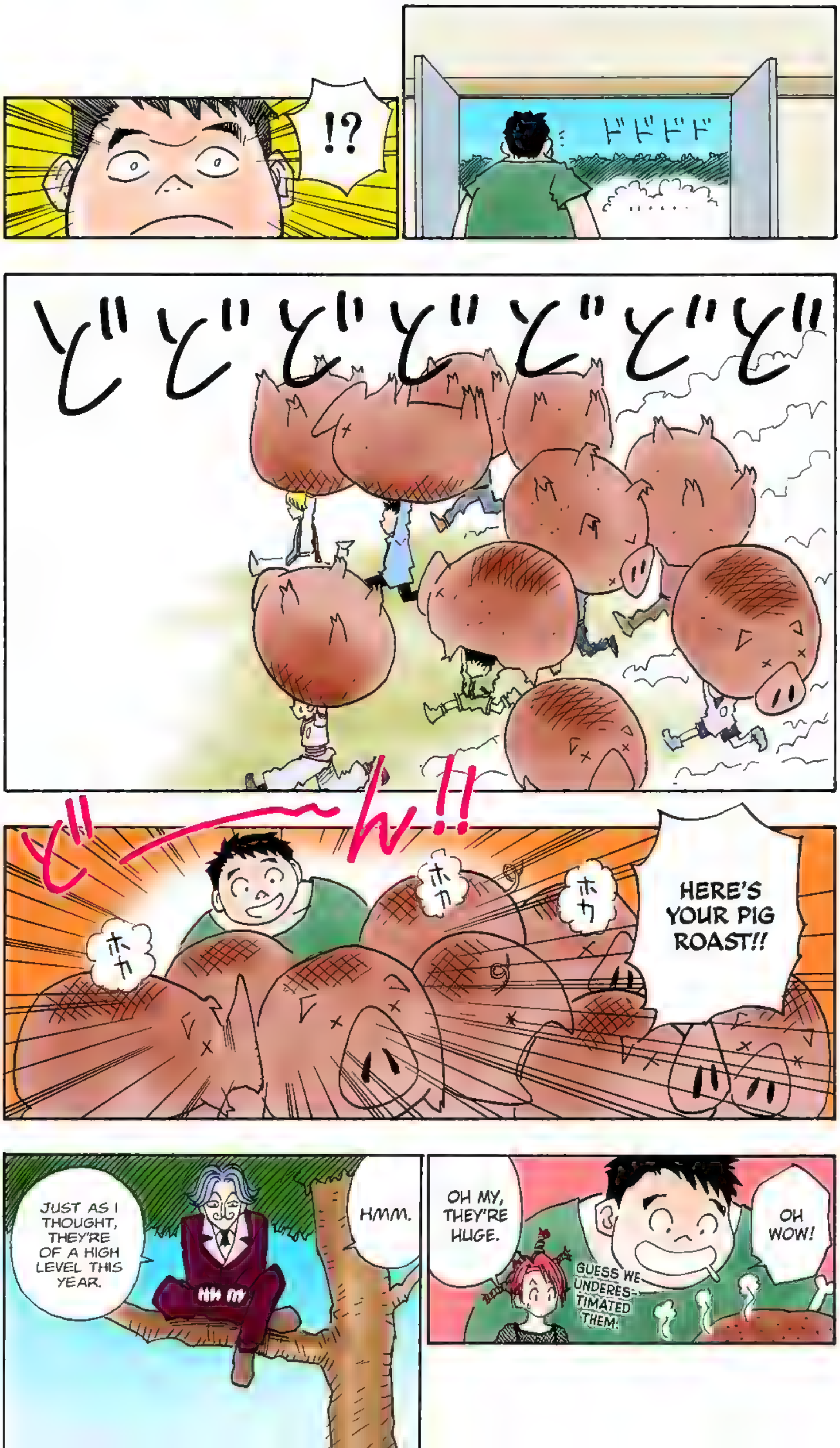


BUT IT'S NOT REALLY THE SAME...

...OF A THRILLING FEELING!!

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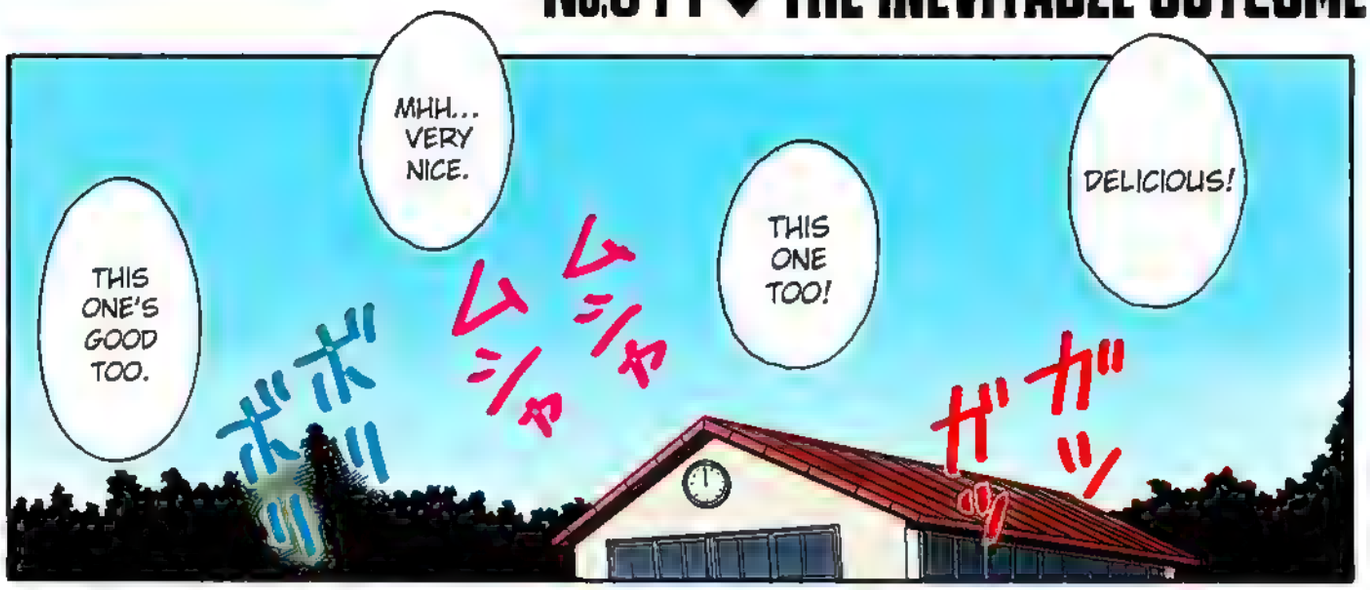


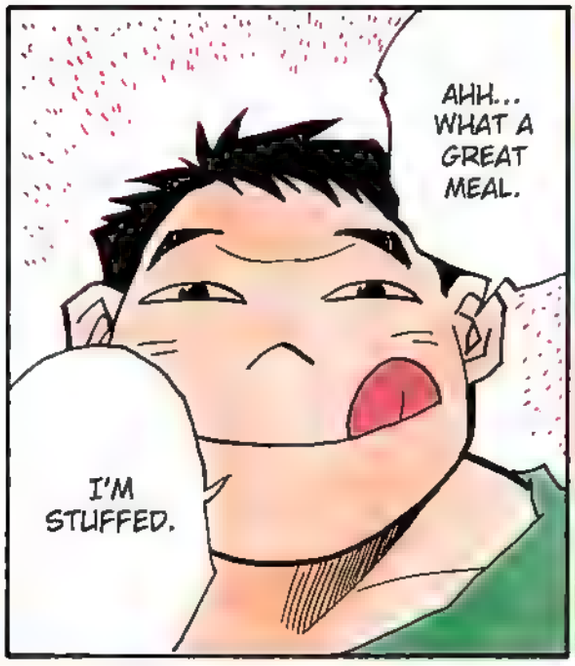


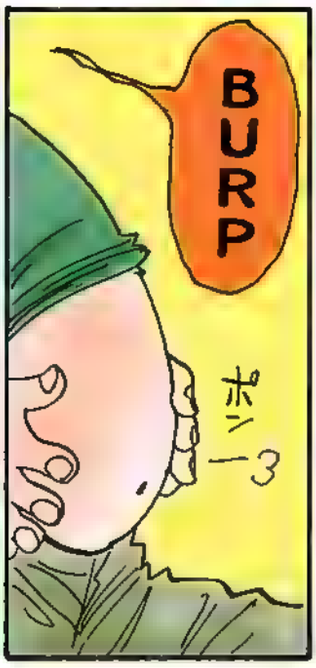


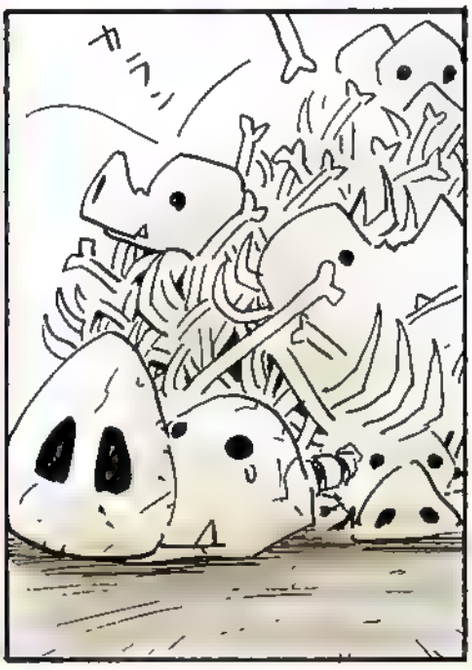


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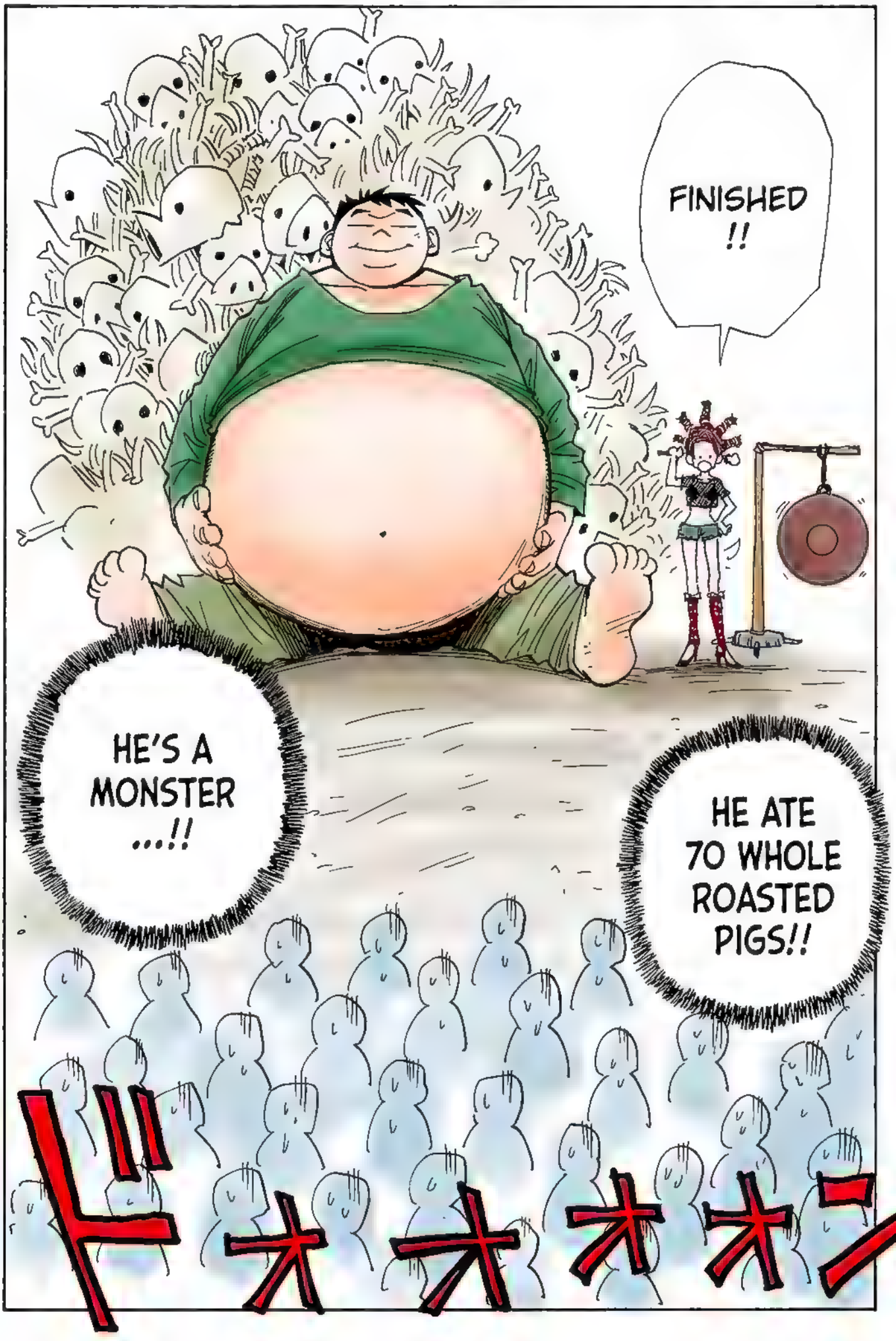

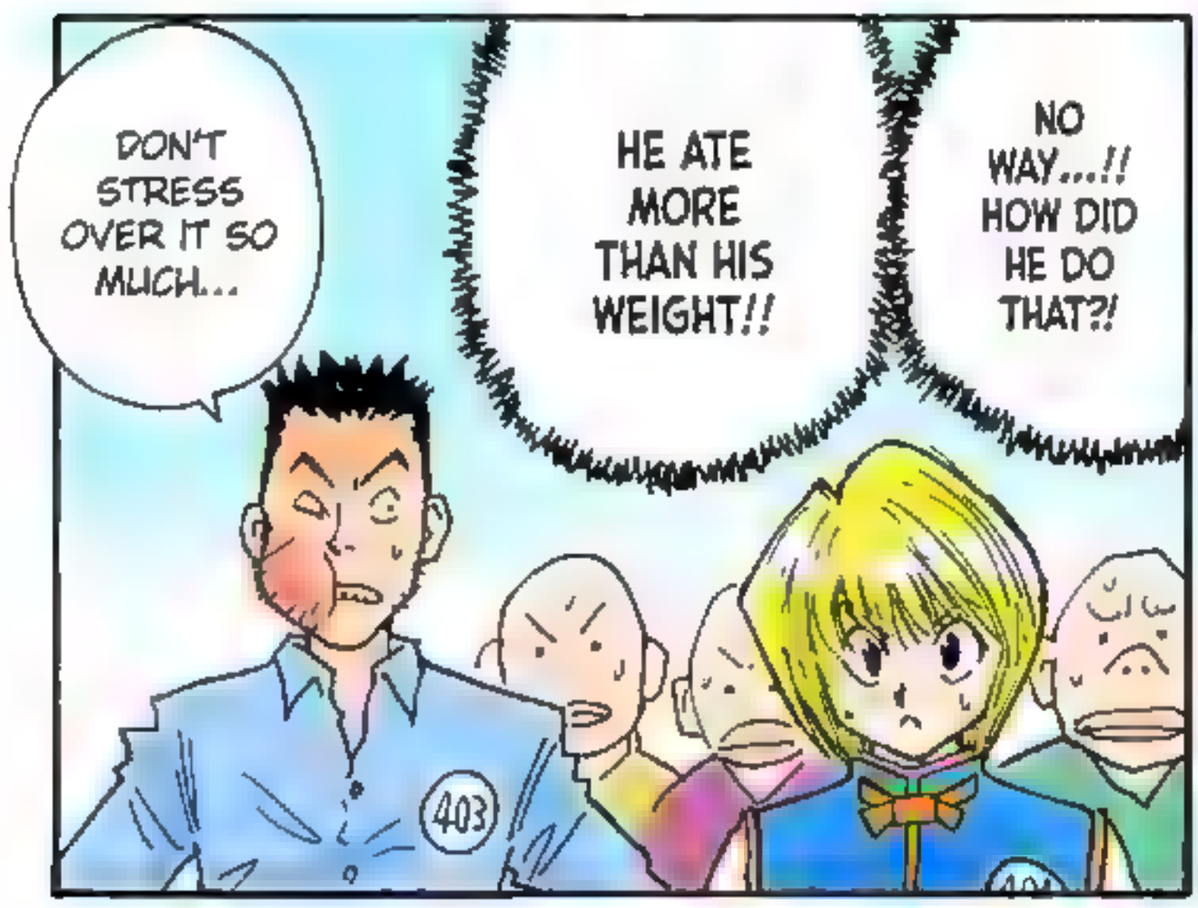
DON'T STRESS OVER IT SO MUCH...
HE ATE MORE THAN HIS WEIGHT!!
NO WAY...!! HOW DID HE DO THAT?!
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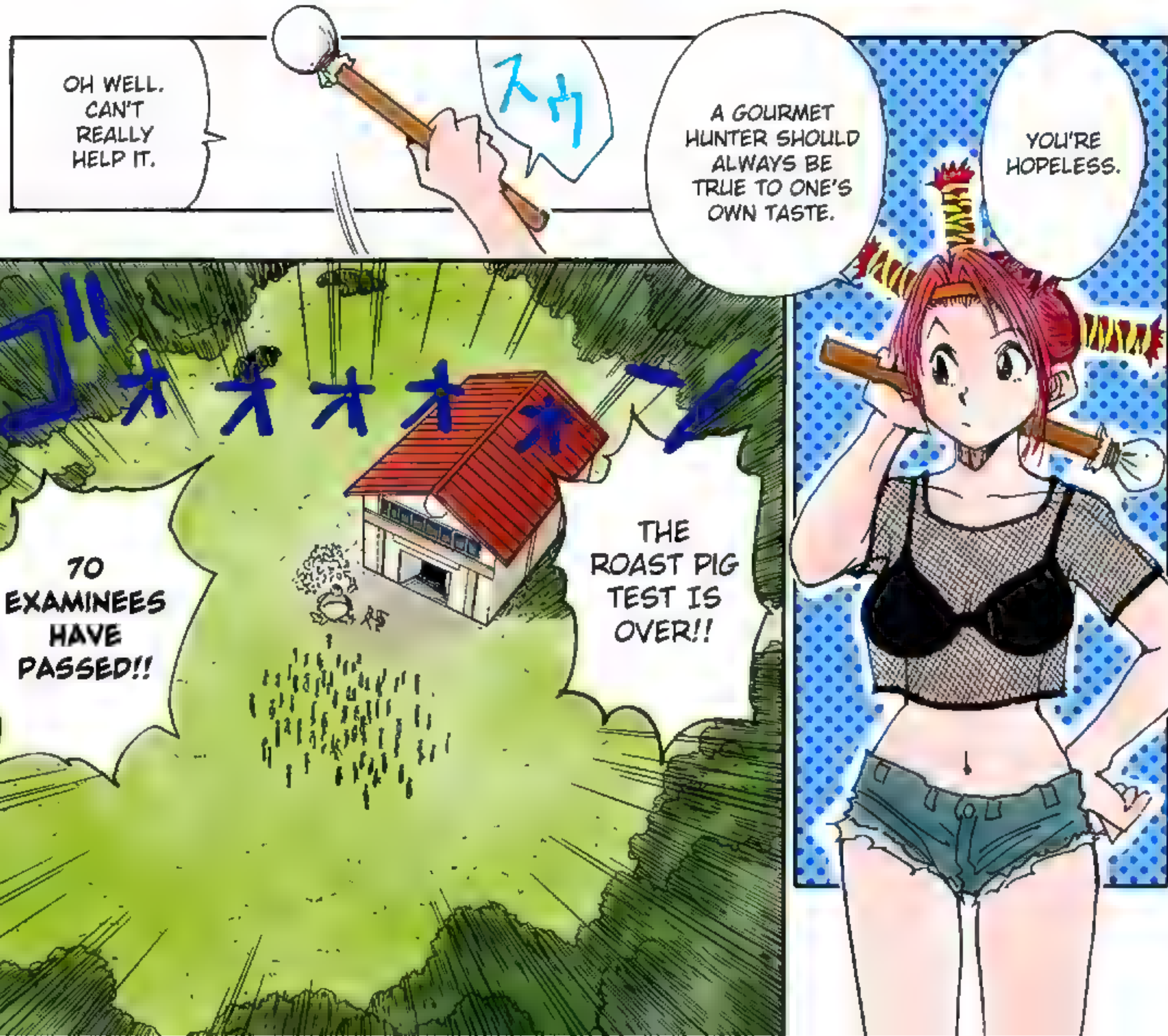
BUT I'D RATHER NOT TURN OUT LIKE THAT.
JUST AS EXPECTED, HUNTERS REALLY ARE AMAZING.
ALTHOUGH IT REALLY IS AMAZING

ANYWAYS, IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS A TEST FOR TASTE ANYWAY.
AH, WHO CARES? I CUT DOWN THAT NUMBER, DIDN'T I?
THEN THERE'S NO WAY FOR US TO JUDGE.
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT ALL THE PIGS YOU ATE WERE DELICIOUS?


OH WELL. CAN'T REALLY HELP IT.
A GOURMET HUNTER SHOULD ALWAYS BE TRUE TO ONE'S OWN TASTE.
YOU'RE HOPELESS.
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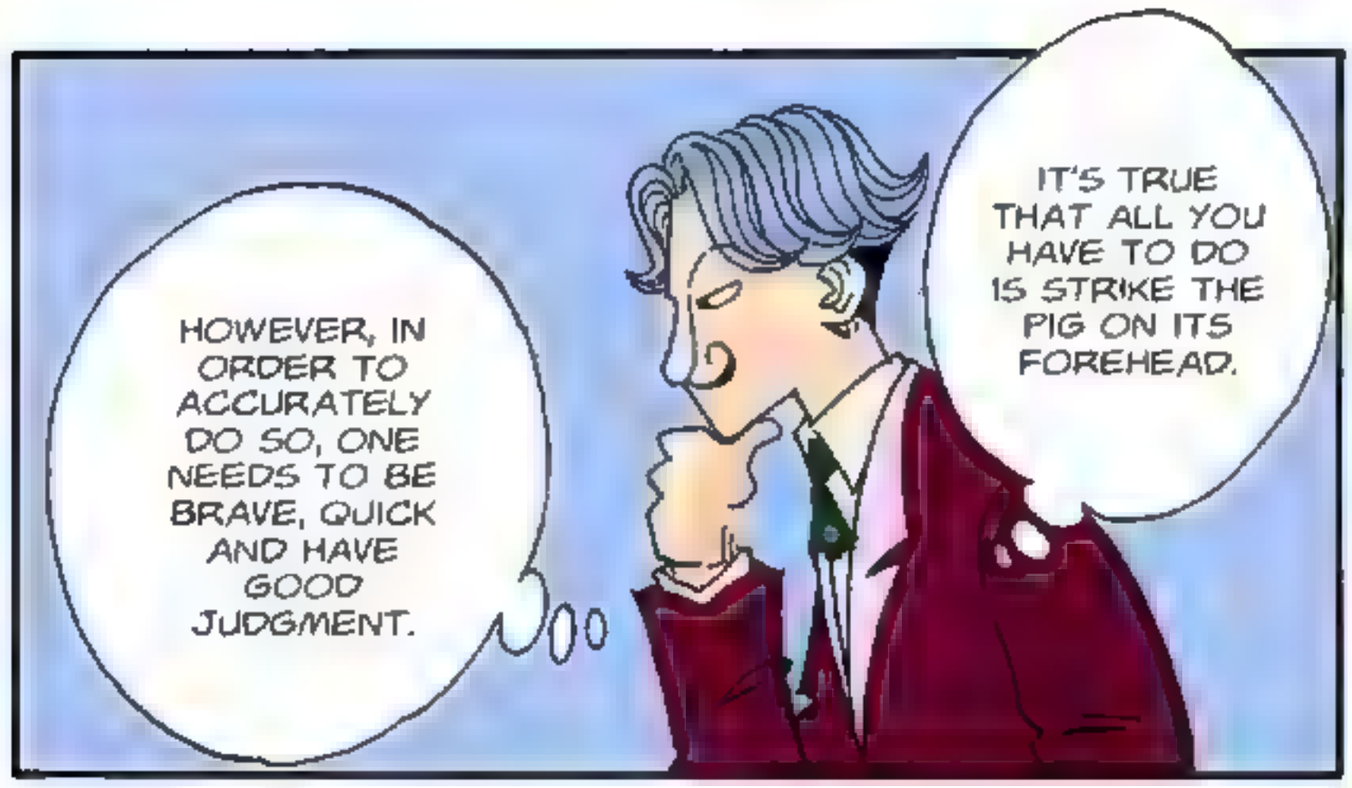
70 EXAMINEES HAVE PASSED!!
THE ROAST PIG TEST IS OVER!!



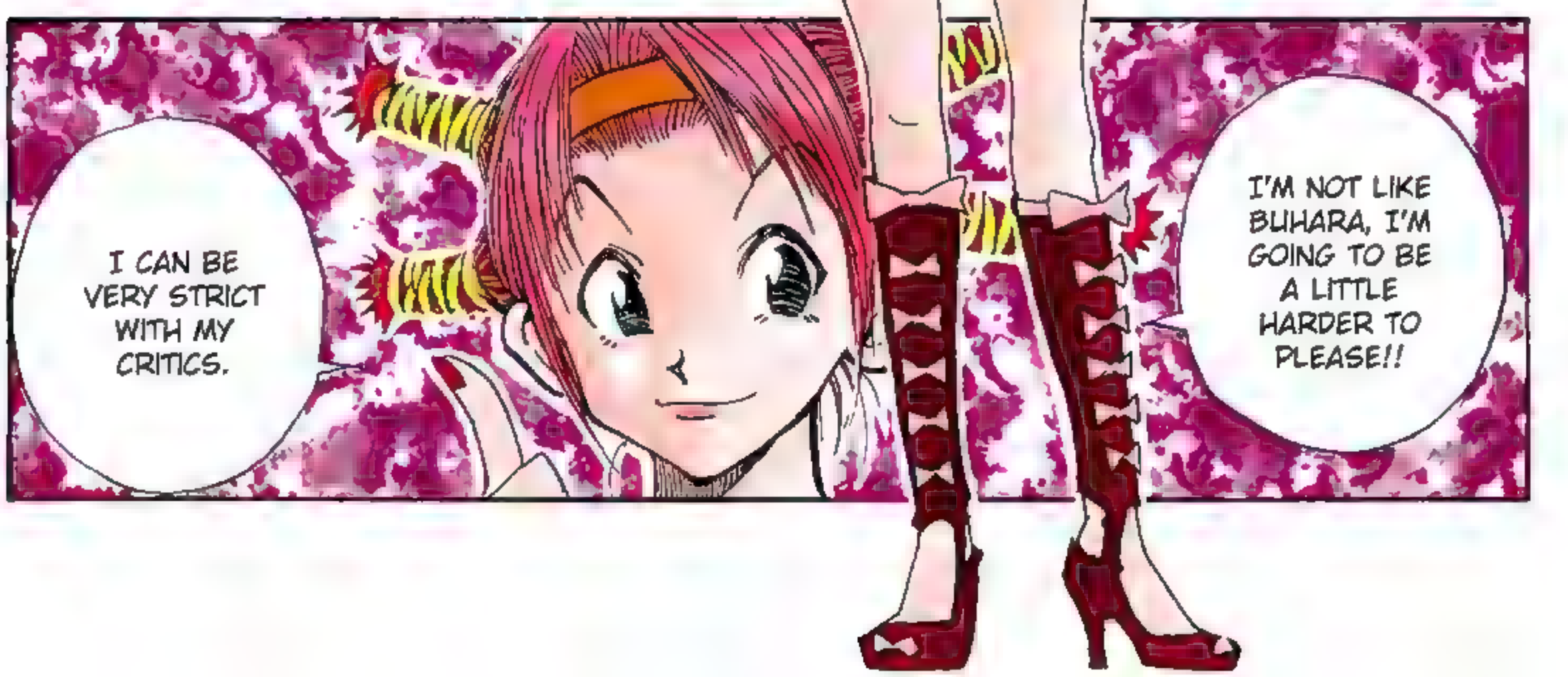
SINGLE STAR HUNTER.... A TITLE GIVEN TO A HUNTER WITH A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT OR LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS IN ONE FIELD.

USING HER EXTENSIVE RESEARCH SKILLS, SHE HAS TASTED EVERY INGREDIENT FOR EVERY DISH IN THE WORLD, AND SHE NEVER FORGETS THE TASTE OF ANYTHING SHE'S TRIED BEFORE!

GOURMET HUNTER MENCHI!!

HER IMPRESSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOOD CULTURE HAVE BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY GIVING HER THE TITLE OF A SINGLE STAR HUNTER AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 21!!!

A WORLD RENOWNED CULINARY ARTIST, HER ARTISTIC SENSE OF TASTE IS REFLECTED IN HER OWN COOKING!

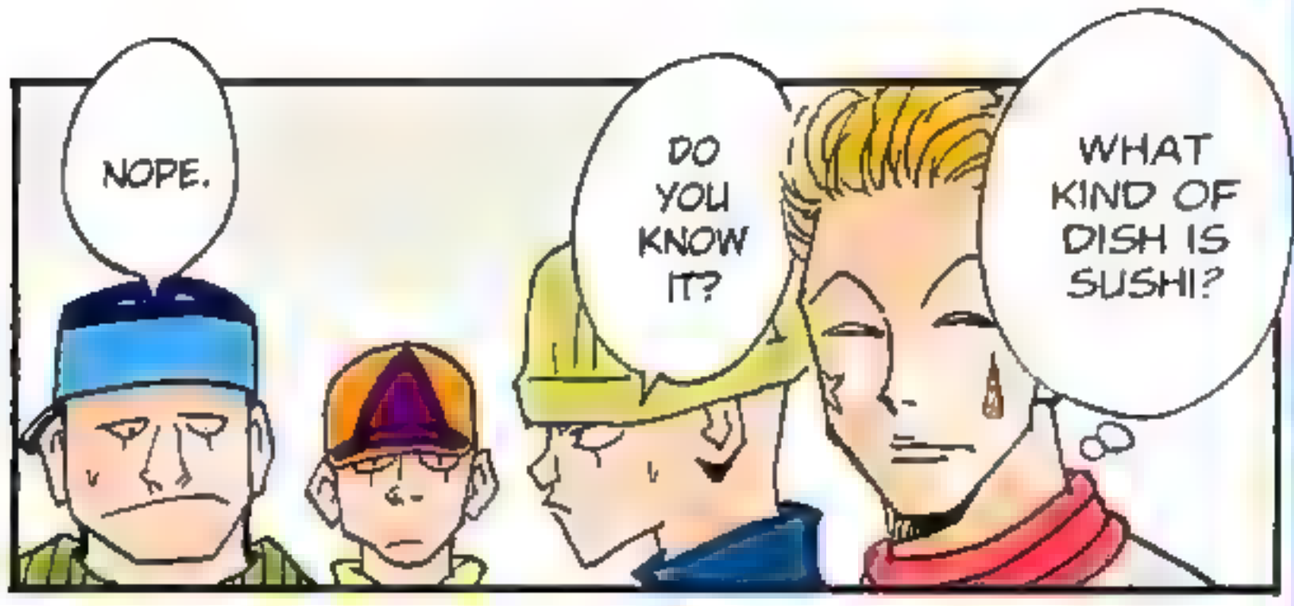


MY DISH WILL BE...

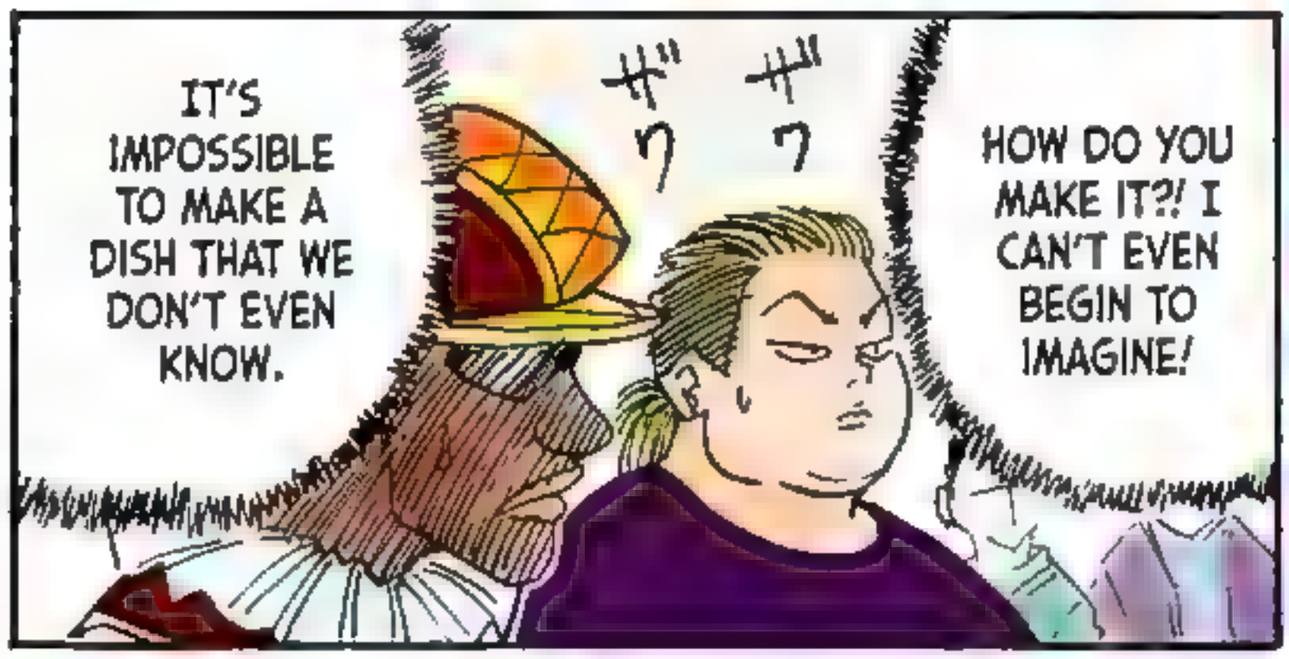
FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE SECOND PHASE...

Ha!!

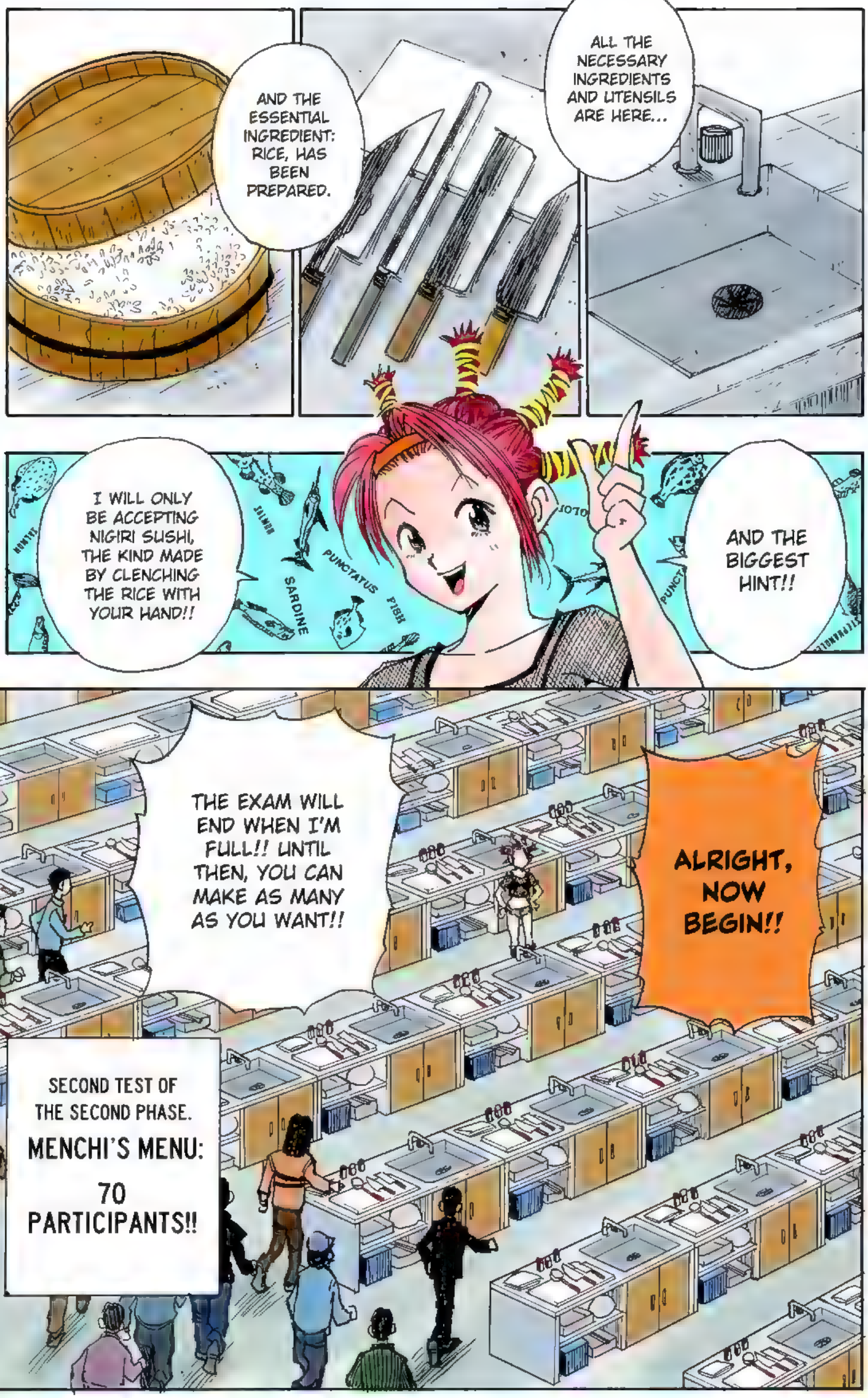
SUSHI!!

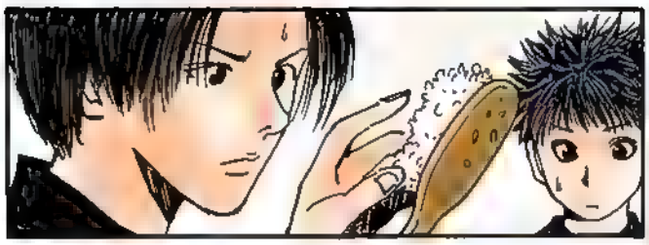

NOPE.
DO YOU KNOW IT?
WHAT KIND OF DISH IS SUSHI?

SUSHI...?! DID SHE SAY SUSHI...?!

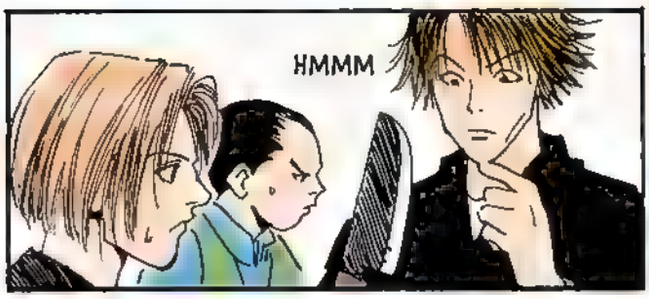

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE A DISH THAT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW.
HOW DO YOU MAKE IT?! I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE!

IT'S A TRADITIONAL DISH OF A SMALL ISLAND COUNTRY.
Japan
HEE HEE.... YOU ALL SEEMED QUITE SHOCKED. IT'S NOT A SURPRISE THAT NO ONE KNOWS WHAT IT IS.
PLEASE LOOK HERE!!
Kyu
I'LL GIVE YOU A HINT!!
THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL BE COOKING!!


AND THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT: RICE, HAS BEEN PREPARED.
ALL THE NECESSARY INGREDIENTS AND UTENSILS ARE HERE...
I WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTING NIGIRI SUSHI, THE KIND MADE BY CLENCHING THE RICE WITH YOUR HAND!!
AND THE BIGGEST HINT!!
THE EXAM WILL END WHEN I'M FULL!! UNTIL THEN, YOU CAN MAKE AS MANY AS YOU WANT!!
ALRIGHT, NOW BEGIN!!
SECOND TEST OF THE SECOND PHASE.
MENCHI'S MENU:
70 PARTICIPANTS!!



NIGIRI SUSHI.
NIGIRI SUSHI.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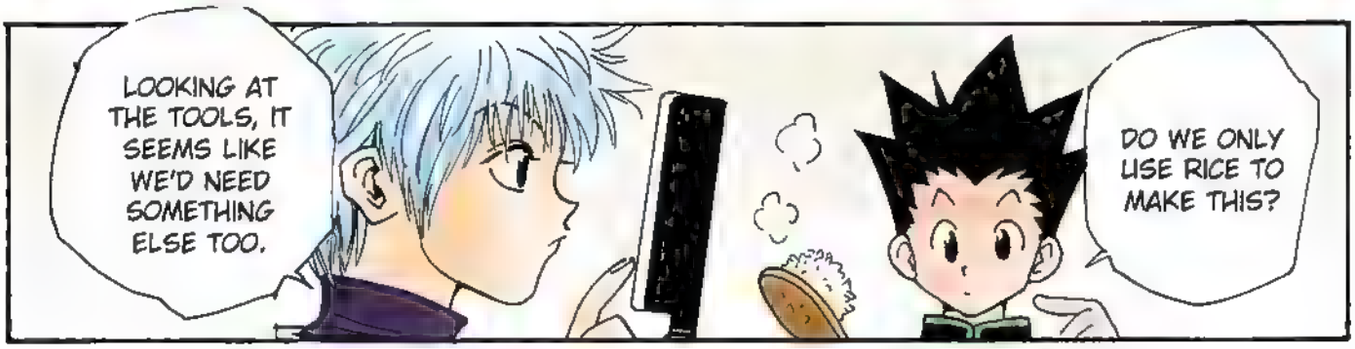
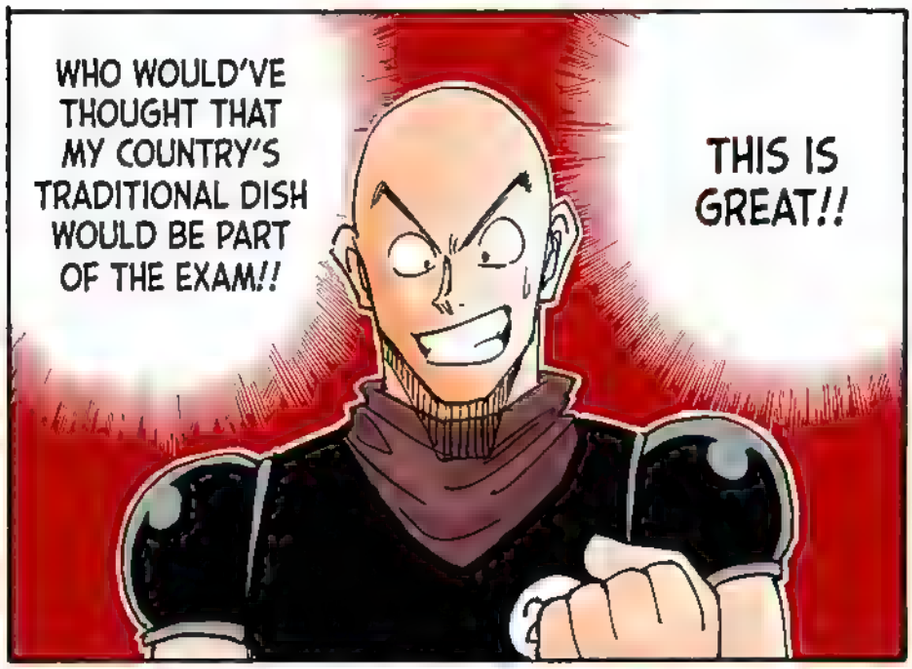

LOOKING AT THE TOOLS, IT SEEMS LIKE WE'D NEED SOMETHING ELSE TOO.
DO WE ONLY USE RICE TO MAKE THIS?


WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT MY COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL DISH WOULD BE PART OF THE EXAM!!
THIS IS GREAT!!

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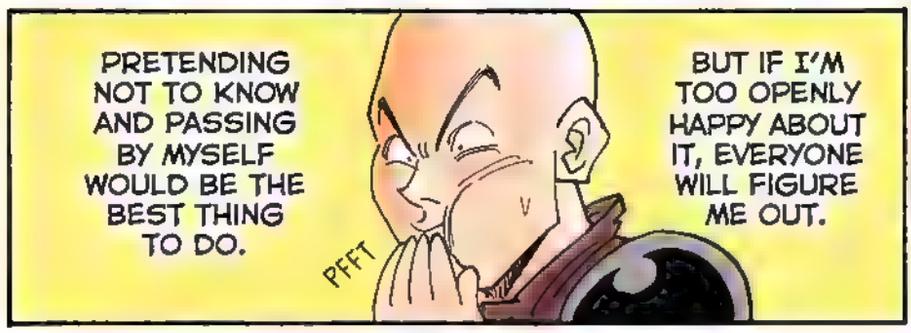
PRETENDING NOT TO KNOW AND PASSING BY MYSELF WOULD BE THE BEST THING TO DO.
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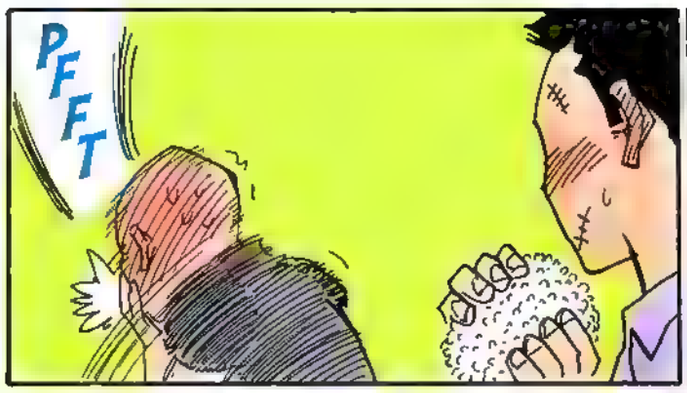
BUT IF I'M TOO OPENLY HAPPY ABOUT IT, EVERYONE WILL FIGURE ME OUT.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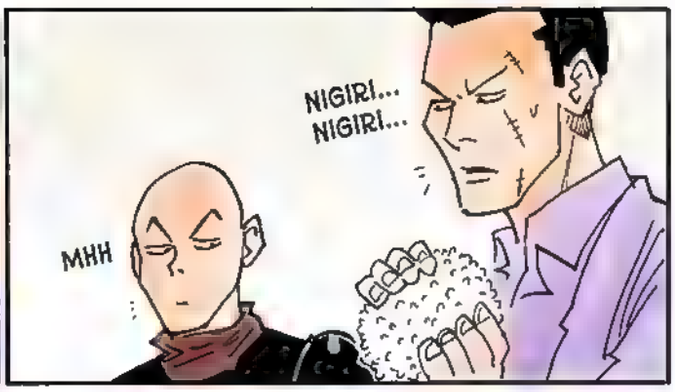
NIGIRI... NIGIRI...
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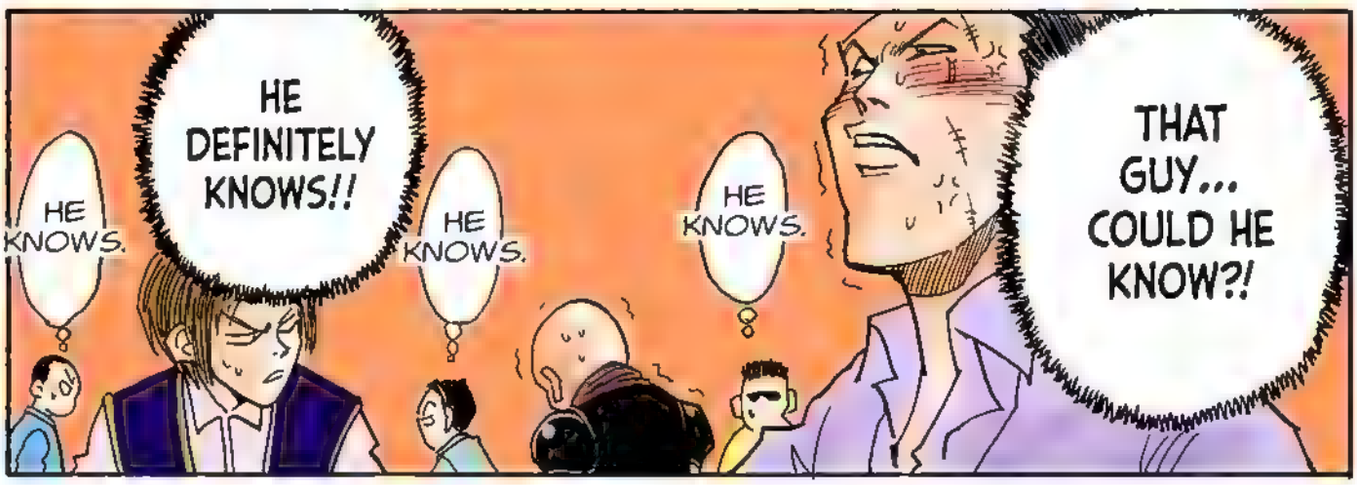
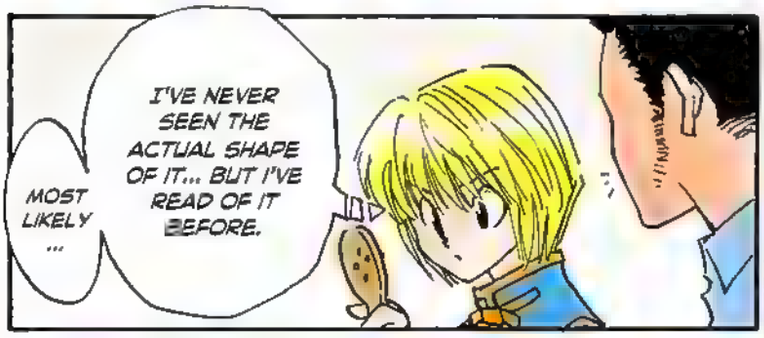
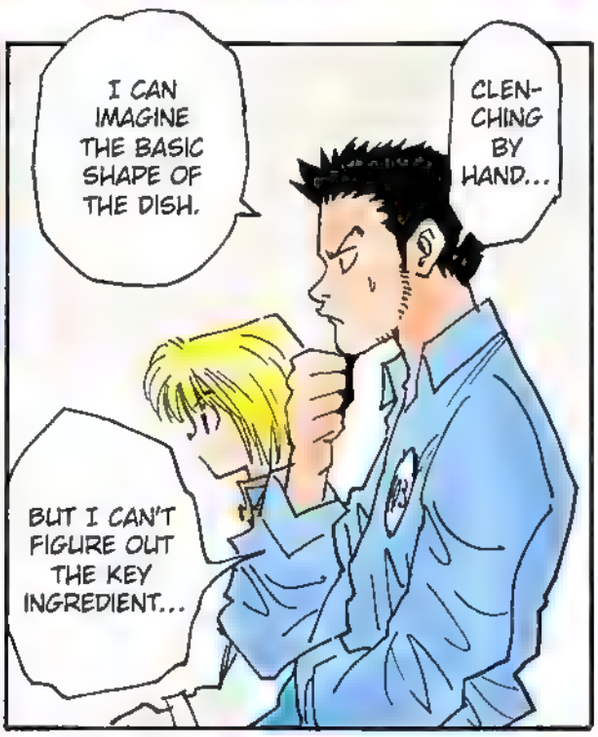
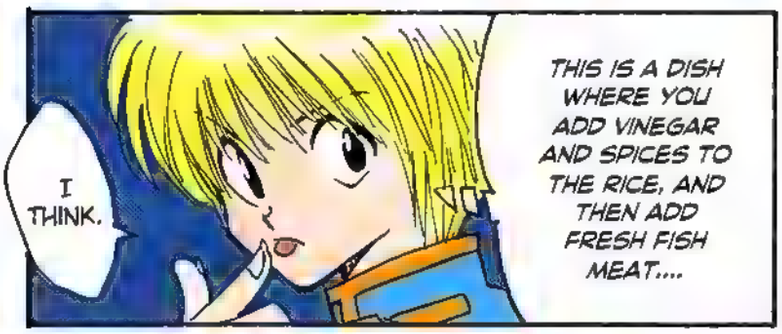
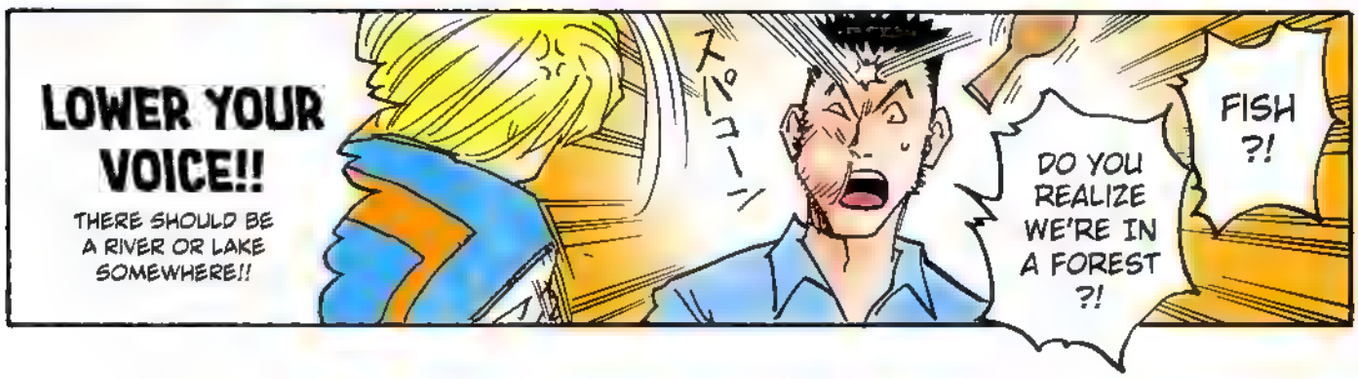

HE KNOWS.
HE DEFINITELY KNOWS!!
HE KNOWS.
HE KNOWS.
THAT GUY... COULD HE KNOW?!


MOST LIKELY ...
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE ACTUAL SHAPE OF IT... BUT I'VE READ OF IT BEFORE.


I CAN IMAGINE THE BASIC SHAPE OF THE DISH.
CLEN-CHING BY HAND...
BUT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT THE KEY INGREDIENT...


I THINK.
THIS IS A DISH WHERE YOU ADD VINEGAR AND SPICES TO THE RICE, AND THEN ADD FRESH FISH MEAT....


LOWER YOUR VOICE!!
THERE SHOULD BE A RIVER OR LAKE SOMEWHERE!!
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DO YOU REALIZE WE'RE IN A FOREST ?!
FISH ?!

FISH !!!
SO HE DID KNOW!!
SHIT, THERE MUST'VE BEEN SOMEONE ELSE WHO KNEW!!
CAN'T BELIEVE THOSE CHEATERS WERE EAVES-DROPPING!!
DAM-MIT.
IF YOU CONSIDER THAT EAVESDROPPING, I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY
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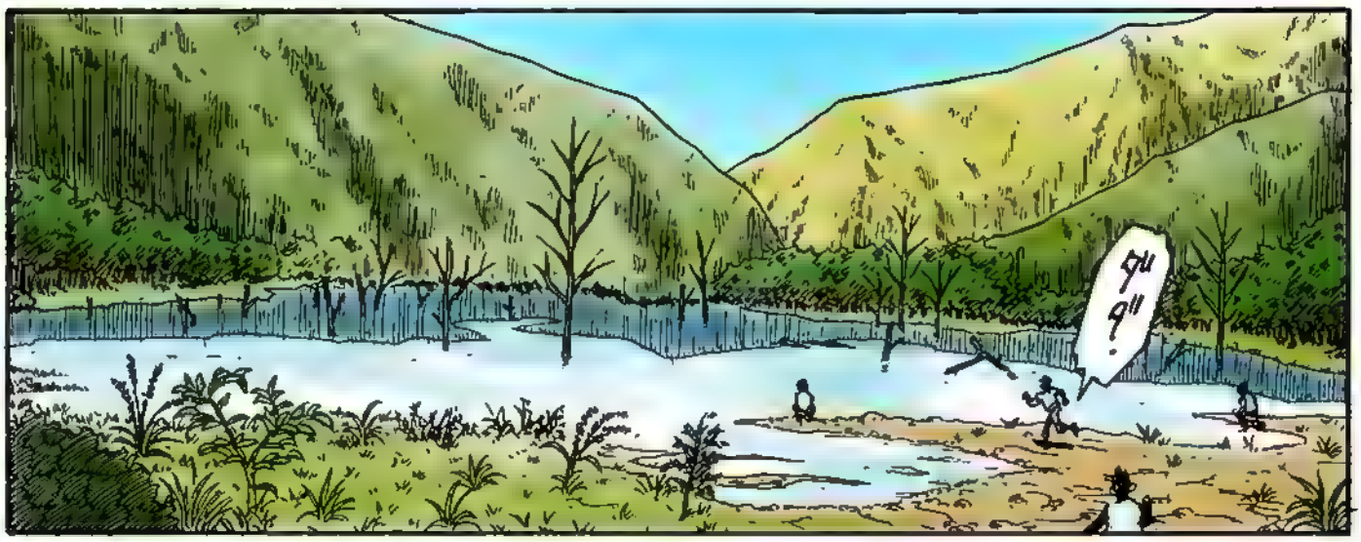
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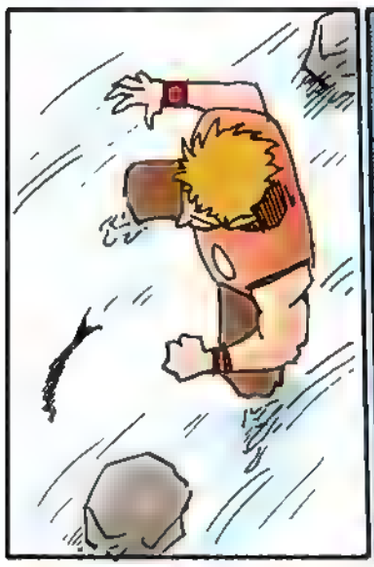

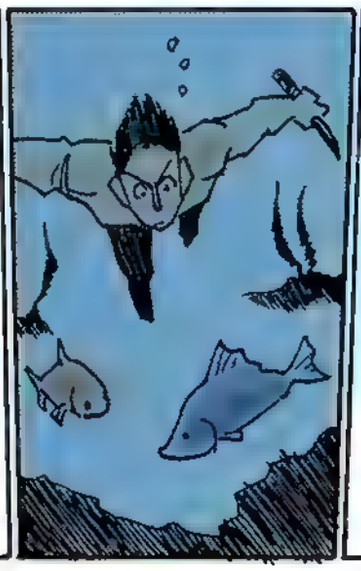

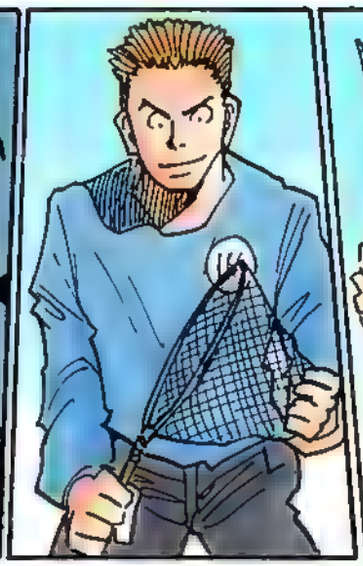

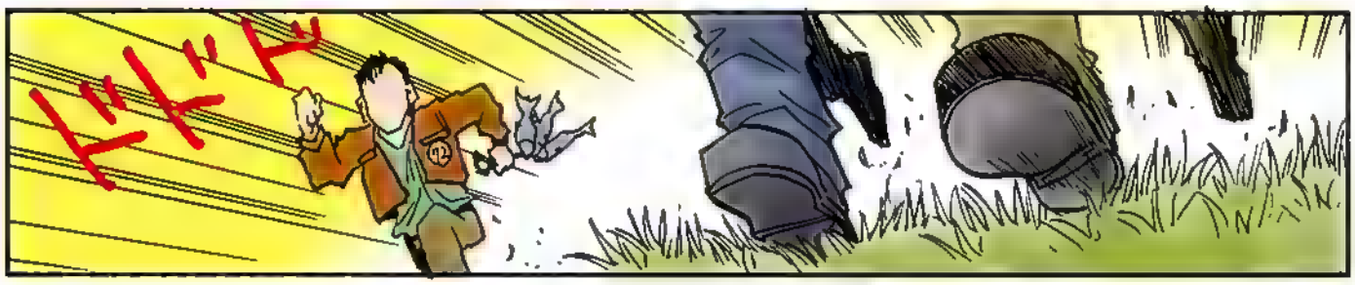
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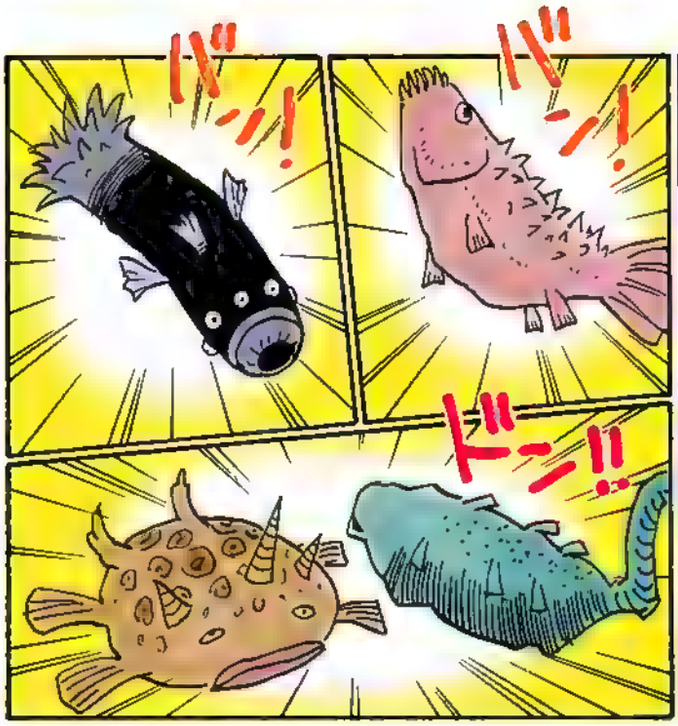
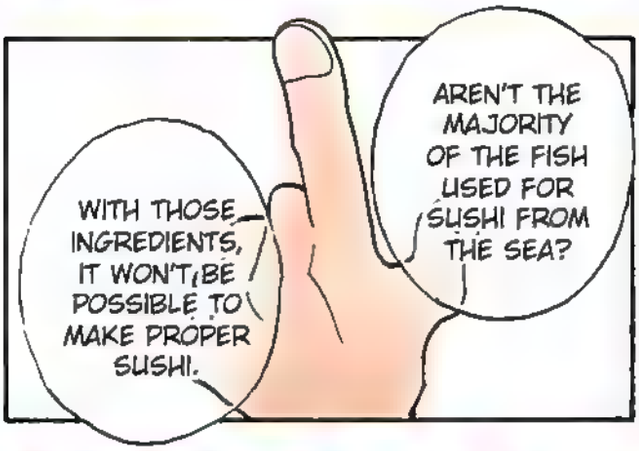
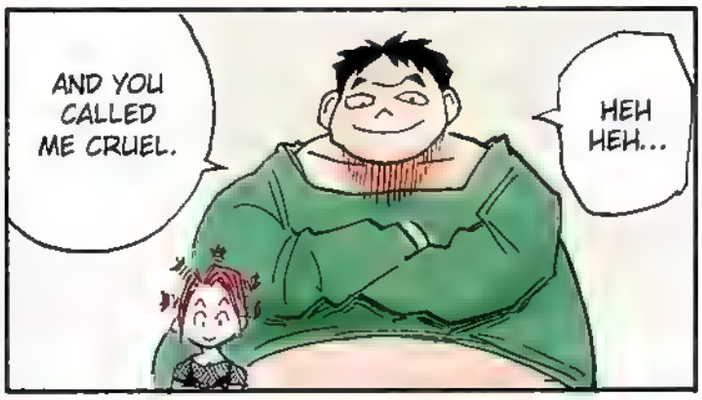
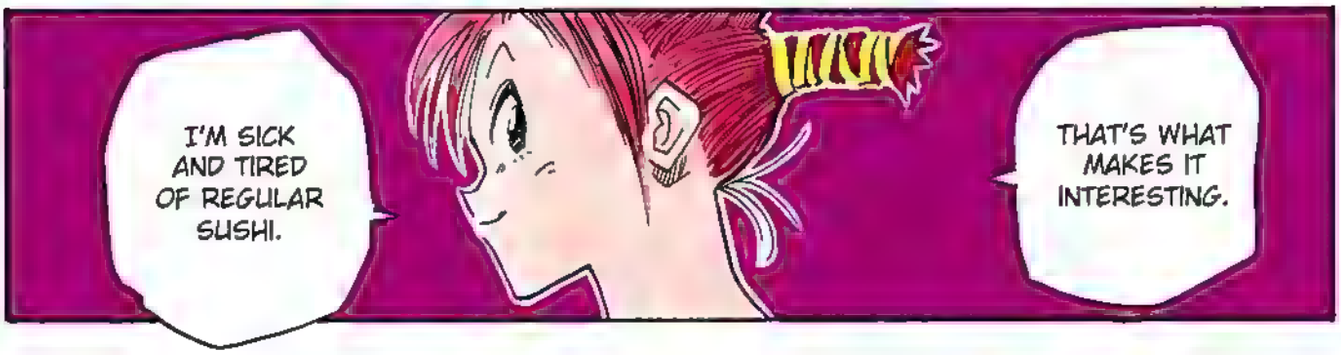
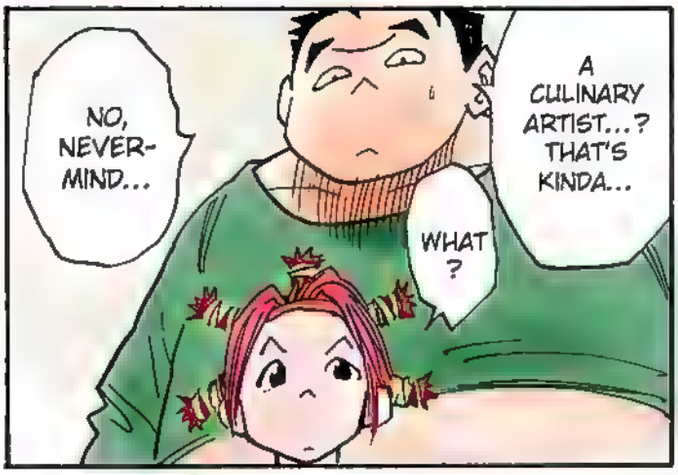
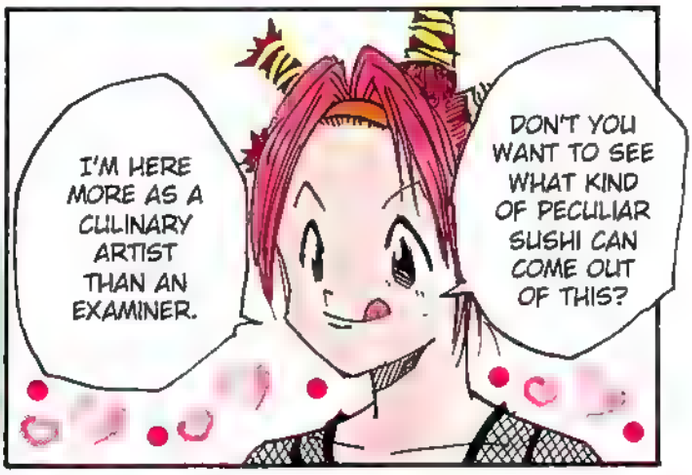


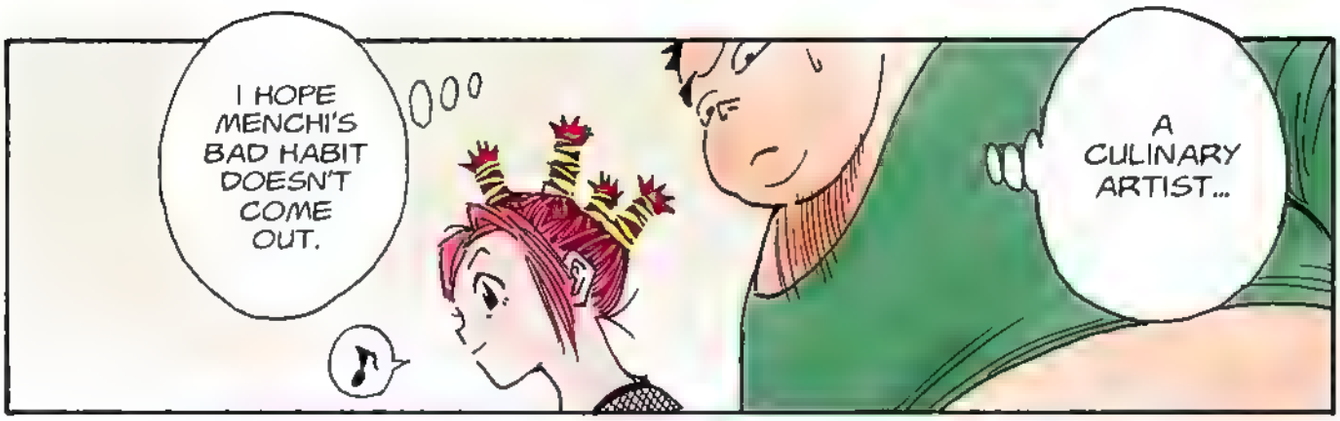

AREN'T THE MAJORITY OF THE FISH USED FOR SUSHI FROM THE SEA?
WITH THOSE INGREDIENTS, IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE PROPER SUSHI.


AND YOU CALLED ME CRUEL.
HEH HEH...


I'M SICK AND TIRED OF REGULAR SUSHI.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT INTERESTING.


NO, NEVER-MIND...
A CULINARY ARTIST...? THAT'S KINDA...
WHAT ?


I'M HERE MORE AS A CULINARY ARTIST THAN AN EXAMINER.
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF PECULIAR SUSHI CAN COME OUT OF THIS?


I HOPE MENCHI'S BAD HABIT DOESN'T COME OUT.
A CULINARY ARTIST...

THIS IS THE ONLY DISH THAT CAN BE MADE BY HAND!!
ADDING FISH TO THE RICE...

I'M CONFIDENT !!

GOT IT!!
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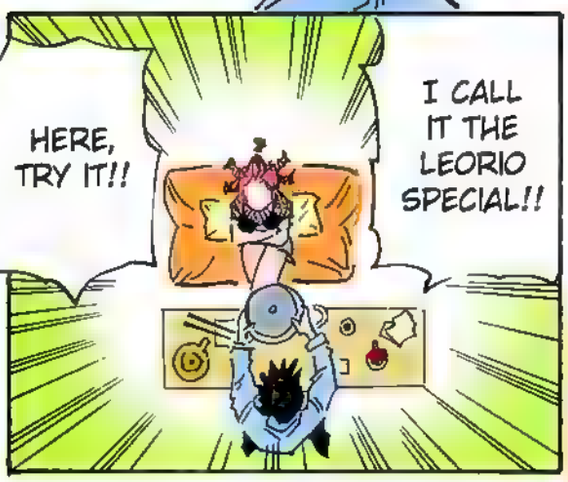
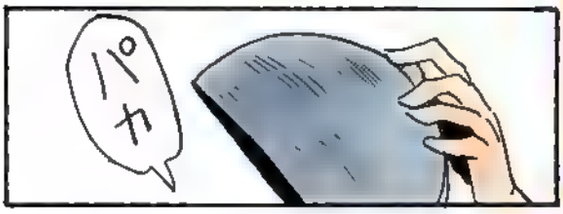

HERE, TRY IT!!
I CALL IT THE LEORIO SPECIAL!!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I'M THE FIRST TO FINISH!!
I'M ALL DONE!!
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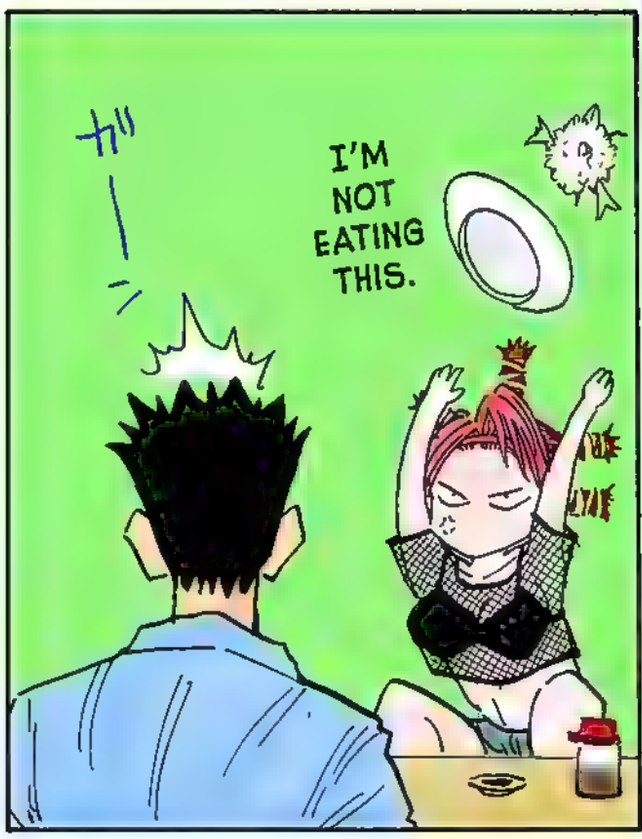
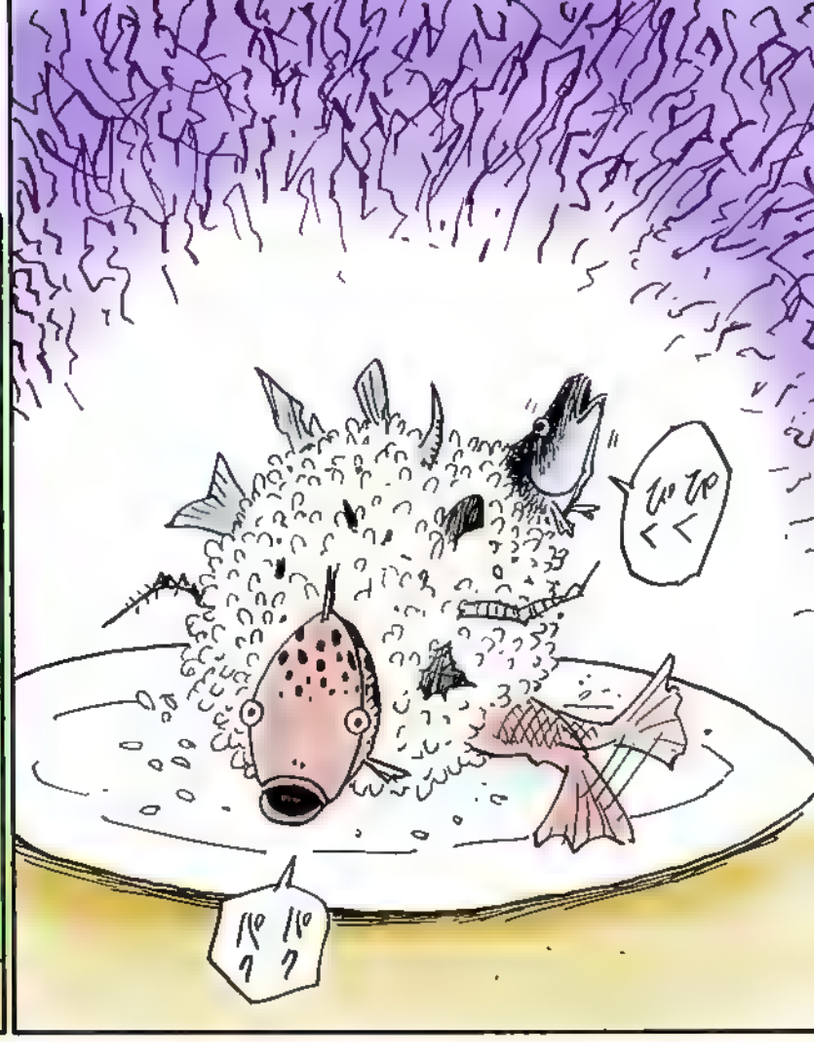
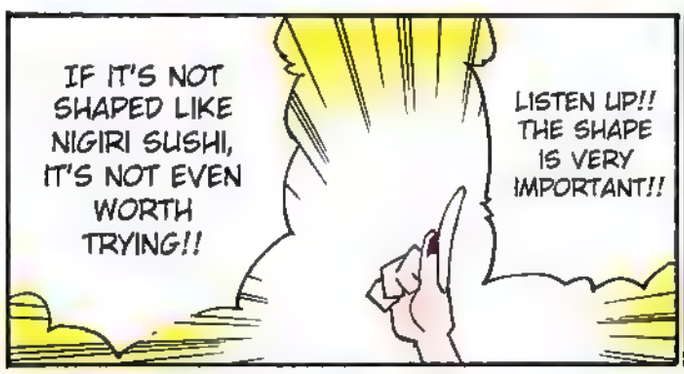
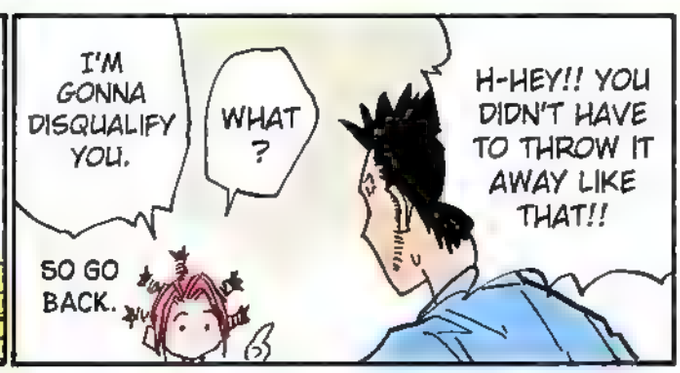
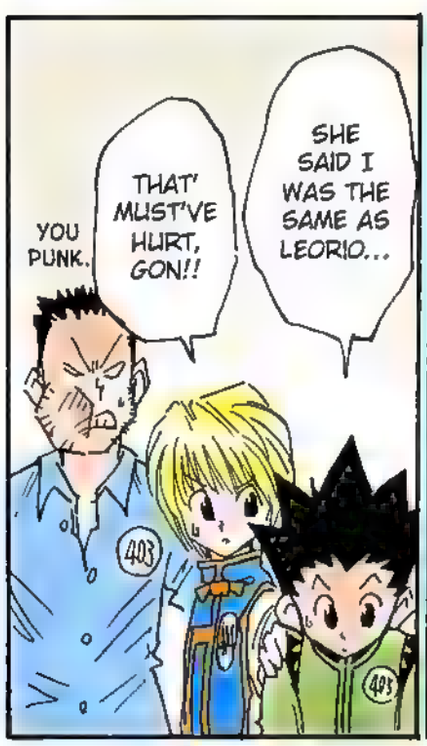
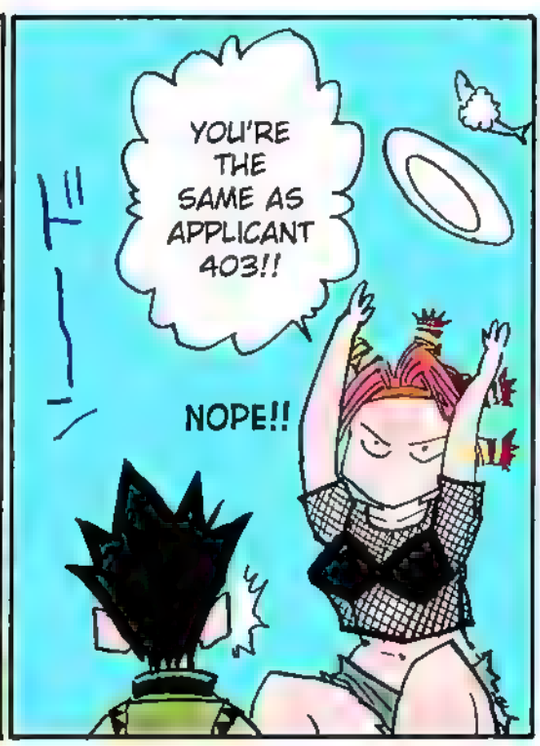

I'M NOT EATING THIS.

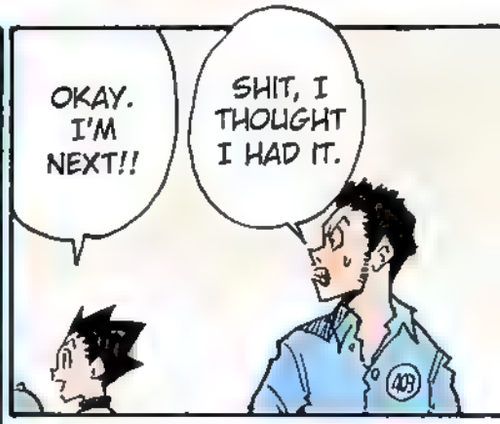


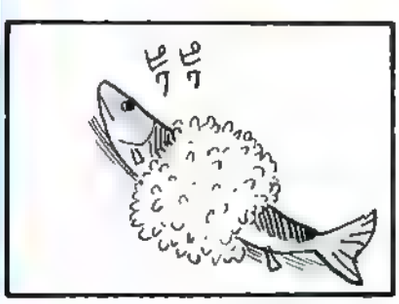

IF IT'S NOT SHAPED LIKE NIGIRI SUSHI, IT'S NOT EVEN WORTH TRYING!!
LISTEN UP!! THE SHAPE IS VERY IMPORTANT!!

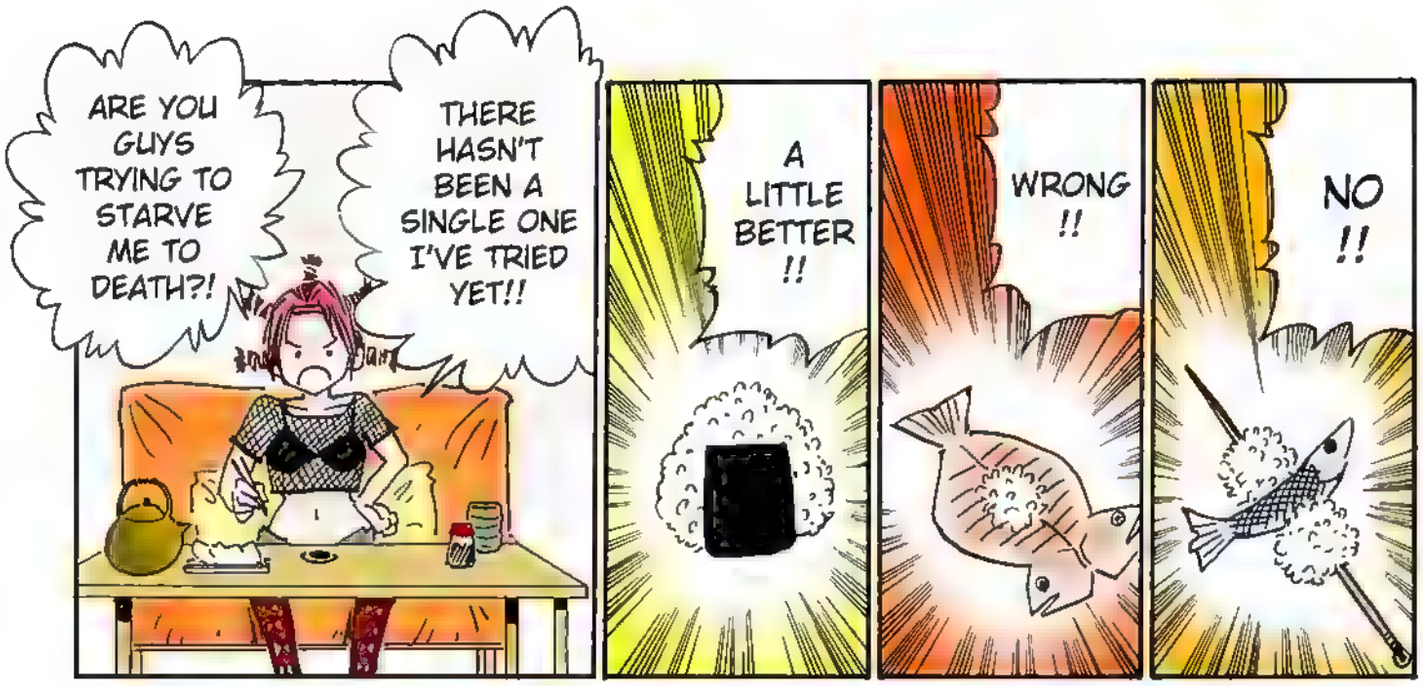

I'M GONNA DISQUALIFY YOU.
WHAT ?
H-HEY!! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO THROW IT AWAY LIKE THAT!!
SO GO BACK.

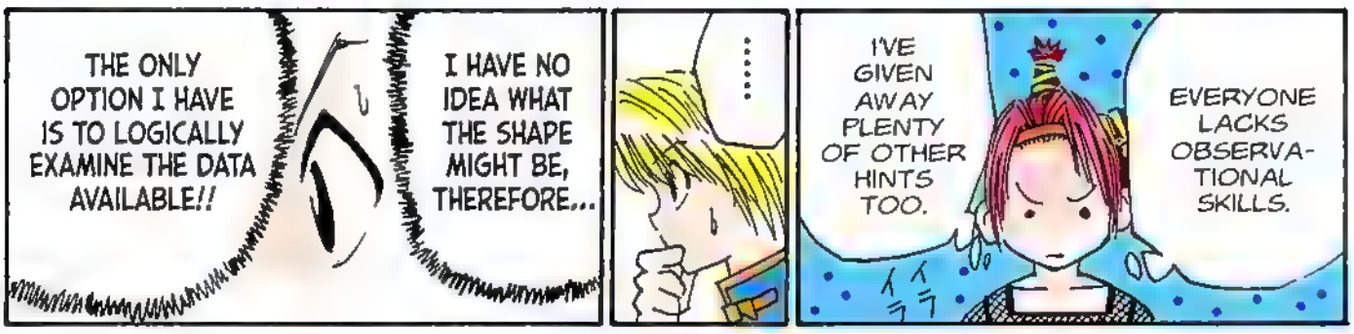

YOU PUNK.
THAT' MUST'VE HURT, GON!!
SHE SAID I WAS THE SAME AS LEORIO...

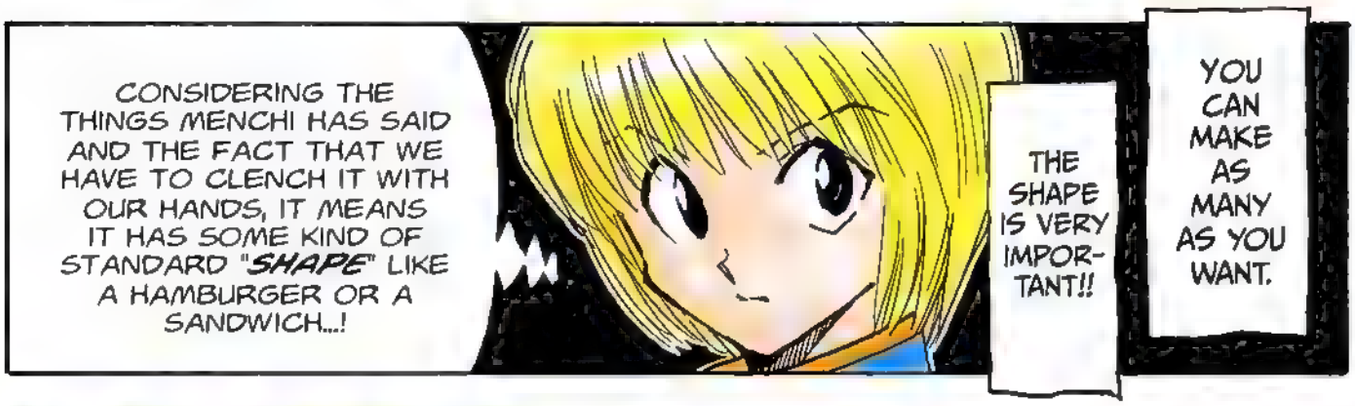

YOU'RE THE SAME AS APPLICANT 403!!
NOPE!!

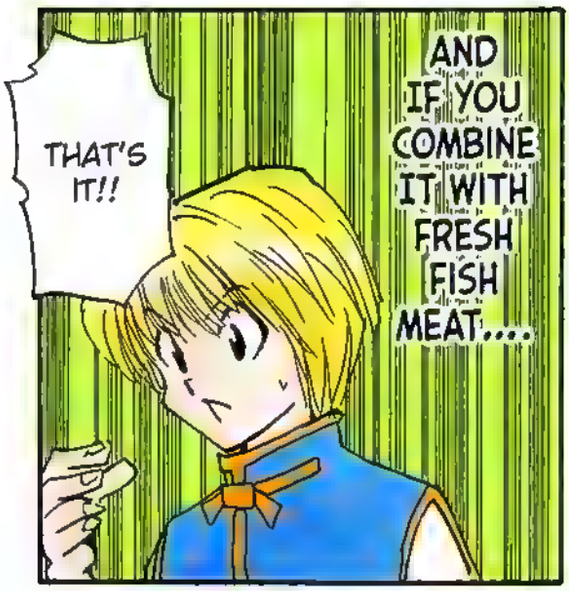

OKAY. I'M NEXT!!
SHIT, I THOUGHT I HAD IT.



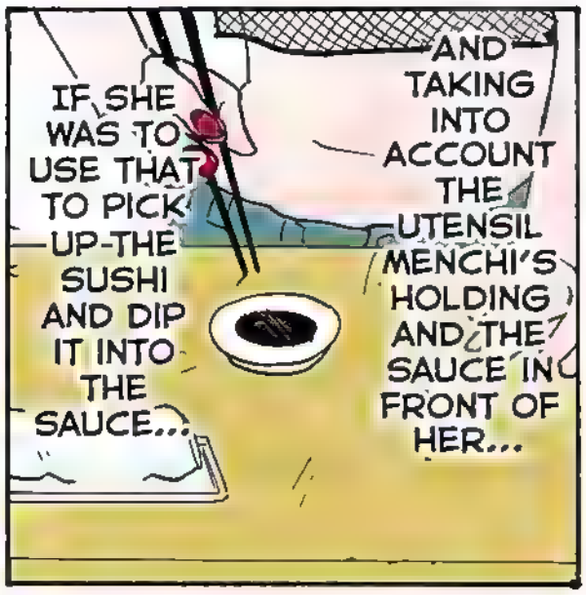


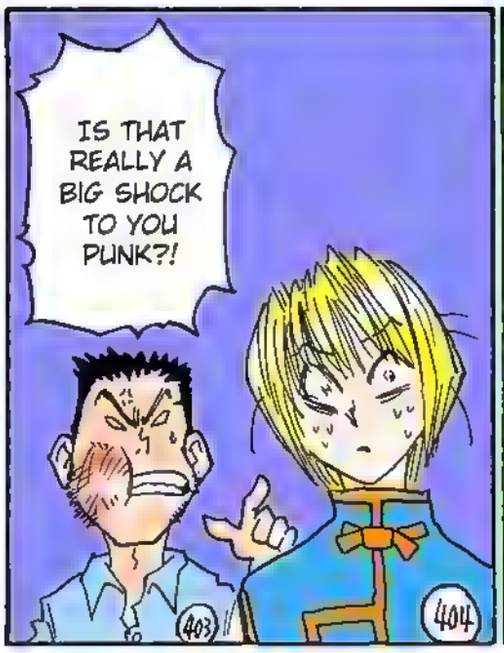




IT WOULD BE AROUND THE SIZE OF AN EGG OR SMALLER!!




IS THAT REALLY A BIG SHOCK TO YOU PUNK?!
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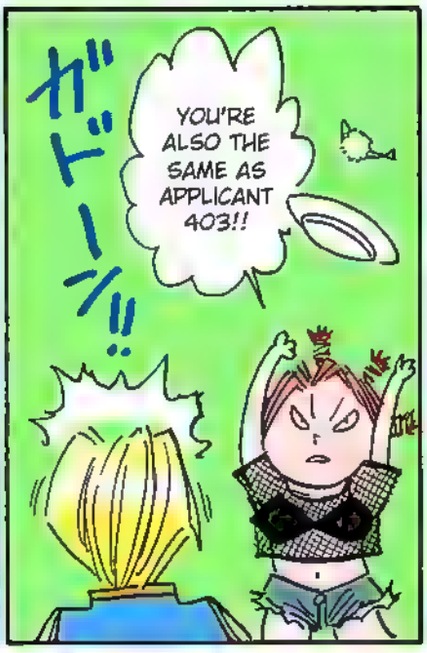
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YOU'RE ALSO THE SAME AS APPLICANT 403!!

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BEFORE I EVEN CONSIDER OBSERVATIONAL SKILLS, EVERYONE'S LACKING SENSE!!
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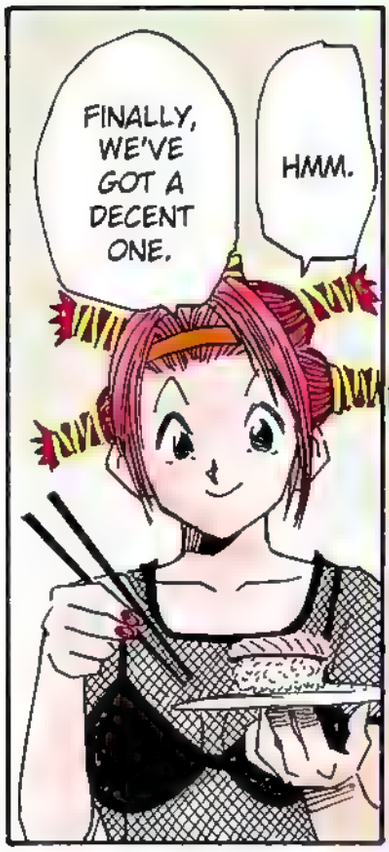
GEEZ... WHAT'S WRONG WITH EVERYONE!!


FINALLY, WE'VE GOT A DECENT ONE.
HMM.

THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL SUSHI!!
TAKE THIS!!
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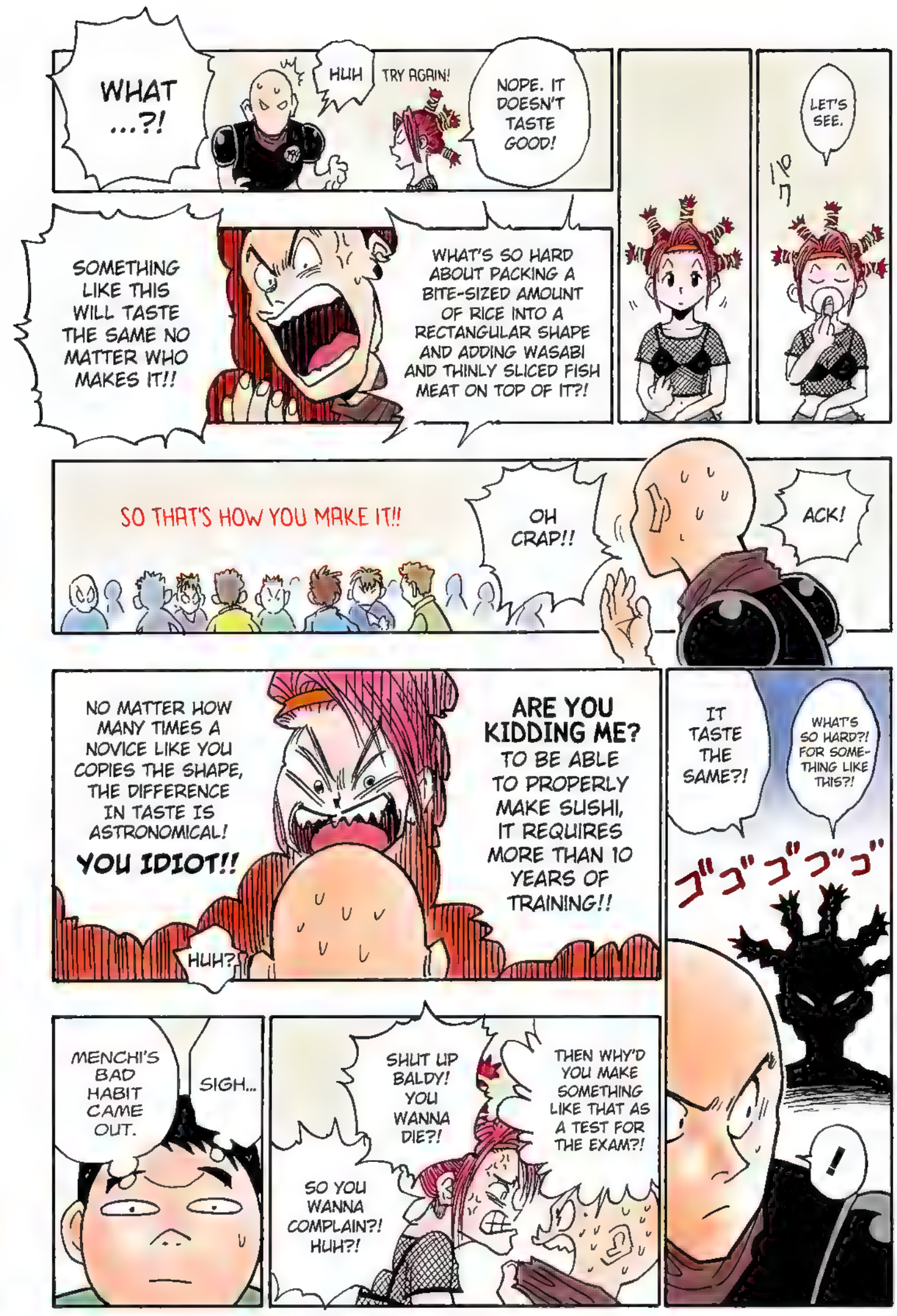
HEH HEH HEH
LOOKS LIKE IT'S MY TURN.


WHAT ...?!
HUH
TRY AGAIN!
NOPE. IT DOESN'T TASTE GOOD!
LET'S SEE.
SOMETHING LIKE THIS WILL TASTE THE SAME NO MATTER WHO MAKES IT!!
WHAT'S SO HARD ABOUT PACKING A BITE-SIZED AMOUNT OF RICE INTO A RECTANGULAR SHAPE AND ADDING WASABI AND THINLY SLICED FISH MEAT ON TOP OF IT?!
SO THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE IT!!
OH CRAP!!
ACK!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES A NOVICE LIKE YOU COPIES THE SHAPE, THE DIFFERENCE IN TASTE IS ASTRONOMICAL!
YOU IDIOT!!
HUH?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? TO BE ABLE TO PROPERLY MAKE SUSHI, IT REQUIRES MORE THAN 10 YEARS OF TRAINING!!
IT TASTE THE SAME?!
WHAT'S SO HARD?! FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!
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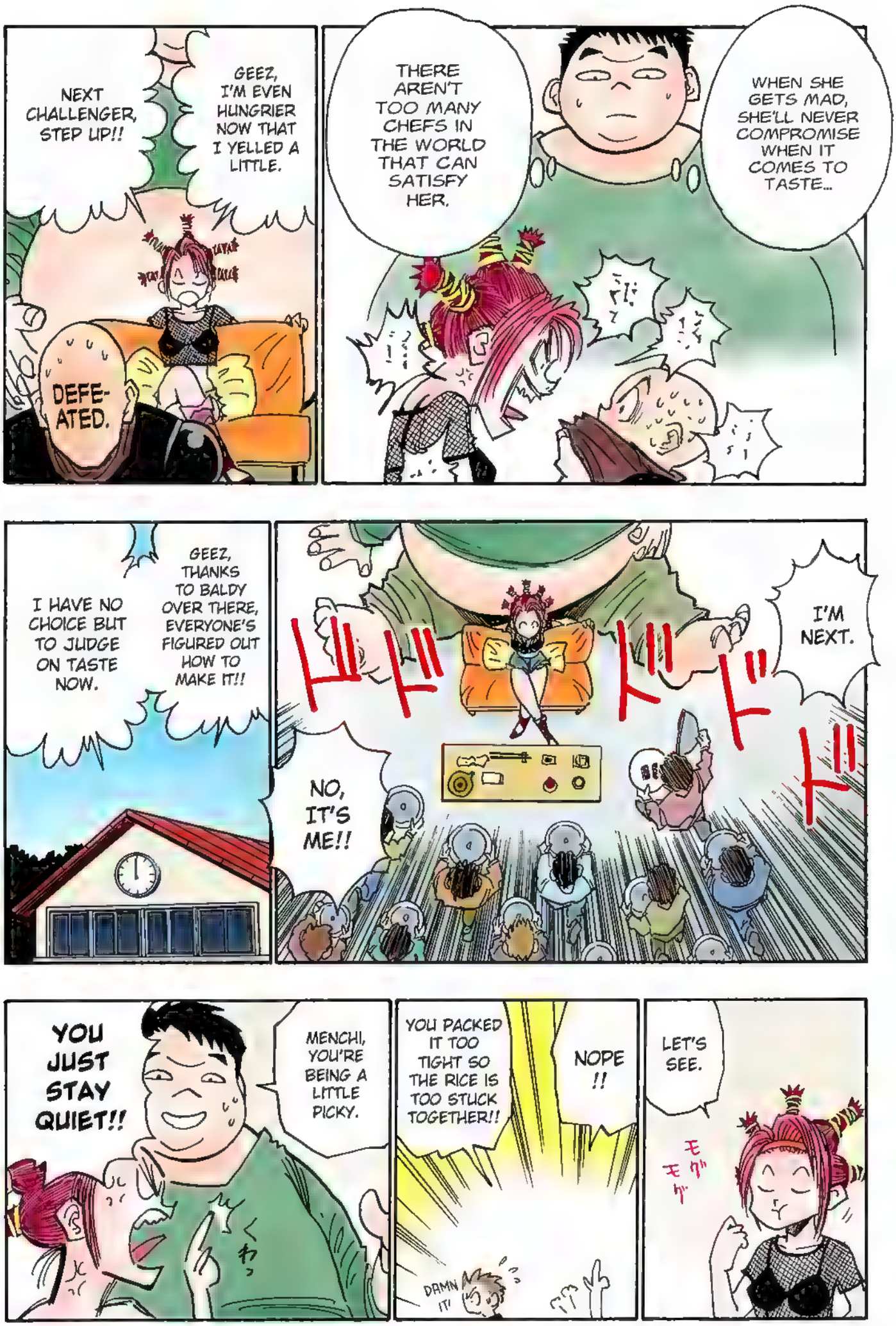
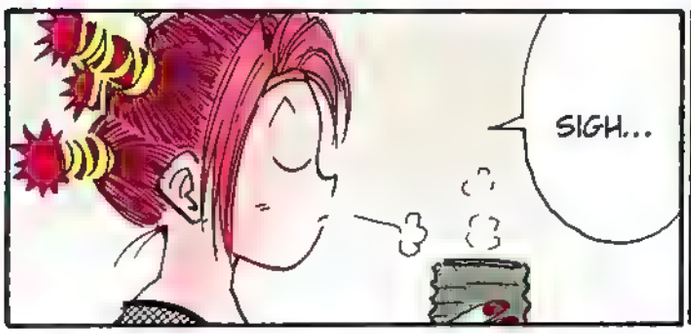
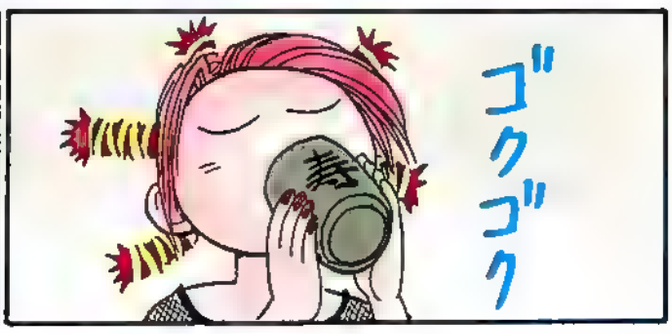
MENCHI'S BAD HABIT CAME OUT.
SIGH...
SHUT UP BALDY! YOU WANNA DIE?!
SO YOU WANNA COMPLAIN?! HUH?!
THEN WHY'D YOU MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THAT AS A TEST FOR THE EXAM?!


NEXT CHALLENGER, STEP UP!!
GEEZ, I'M EVEN HUNGRIER NOW THAT I YELLED A LITTLE.
DEFE-ATED.
THERE AREN'T TOO MANY CHEFS IN THE WORLD THAT CAN SATISFY HER.
WHEN SHE GETS MAD, SHE'LL NEVER COMPROMISE WHEN IT COMES TO TASTE...
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO JUDGE ON TASTE NOW.
GEEZ, THANKS TO BALDY OVER THERE, EVERYONE'S FIGURED OUT HOW TO MAKE IT!!
NO, IT'S ME!!
I'M NEXT.
YOU JUST STAY QUIET!!
MENCHI, YOU'RE BEING A LITTLE PICKY.
YOU PACKED IT TOO TIGHT SO THE RICE IS TOO STUCK TOGETHER!!
NOPE !!
DAMN IT!
LET'S SEE.

YOU TOOK TOO LONG TO MAKE IT!! YOUR BODY HEAT RUINED THE FRESHNESS OF THE FISH, SO IT TASTES HORRIBLE IN MY MOUTH!!
THE SHAPE OF THE RICE IS HORRIBLE!! KEEP THE SHAPE TIDY WHEN YOU PACK THE RICE PLEASE!!
YOU SCREWED UP THE CUT OF THE FISH!! YOU HAVE TO CUT IT PERPENDICULAR TO THE GRAIN!! DO IT AGAIN!!
DO THIS ONE OVER TOO!!
THIS ONE WON'T DO EITHER!!


SIGH...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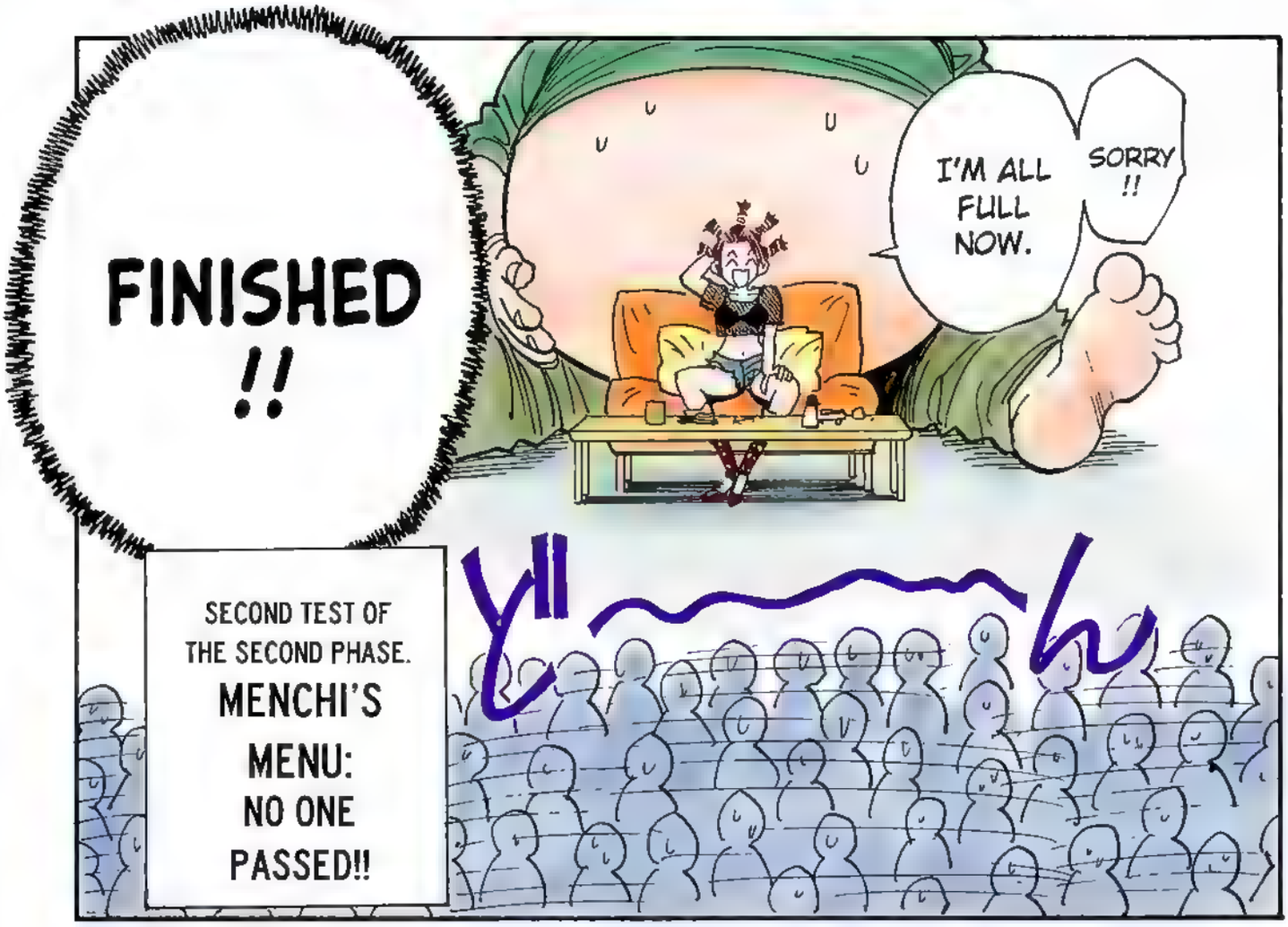
FINISHED !!
I'M ALL FULL NOW.
SORRY !!
SECOND TEST OF THE SECOND PHASE.
MENCHI'S MENU: NO ONE PASSED!!

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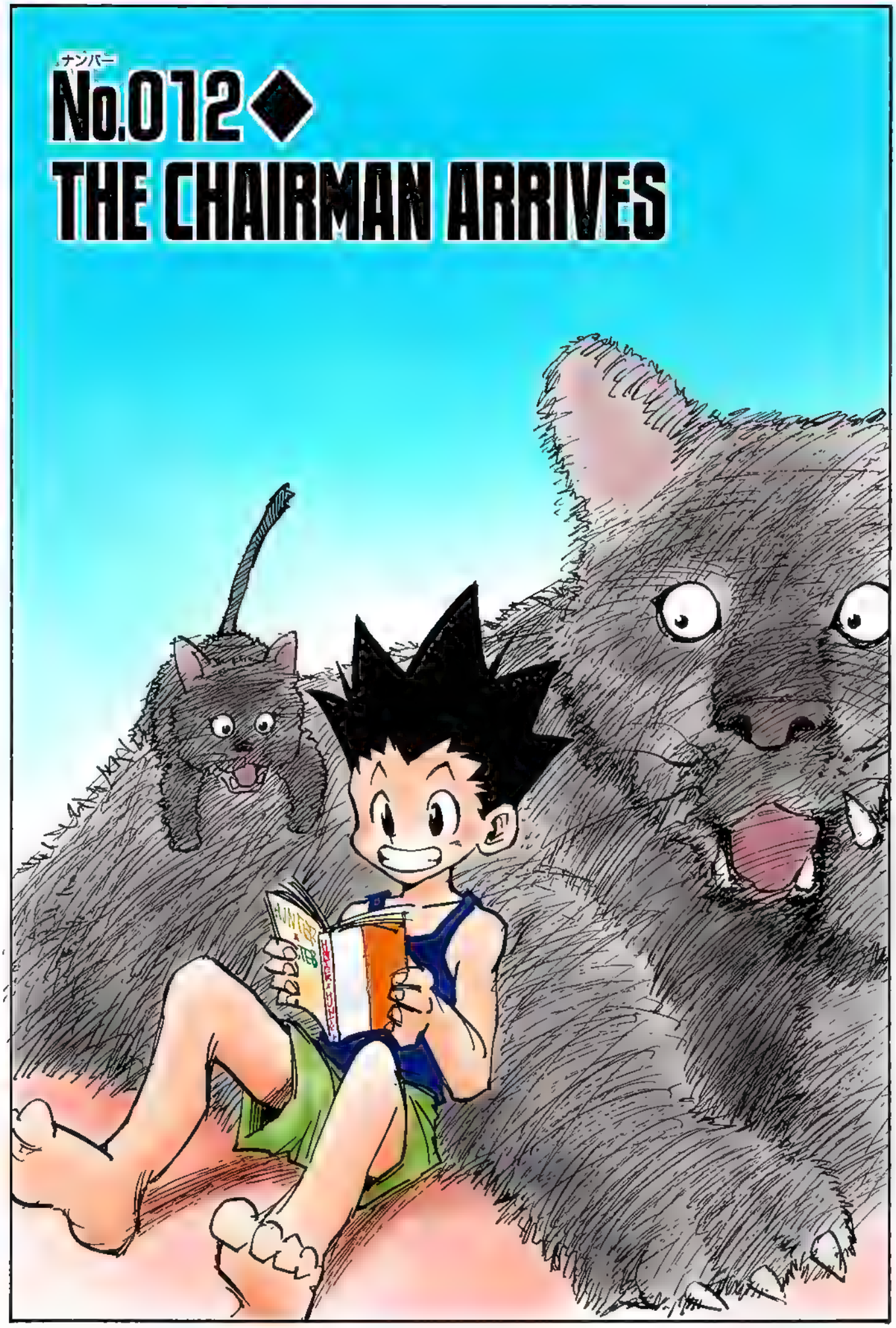
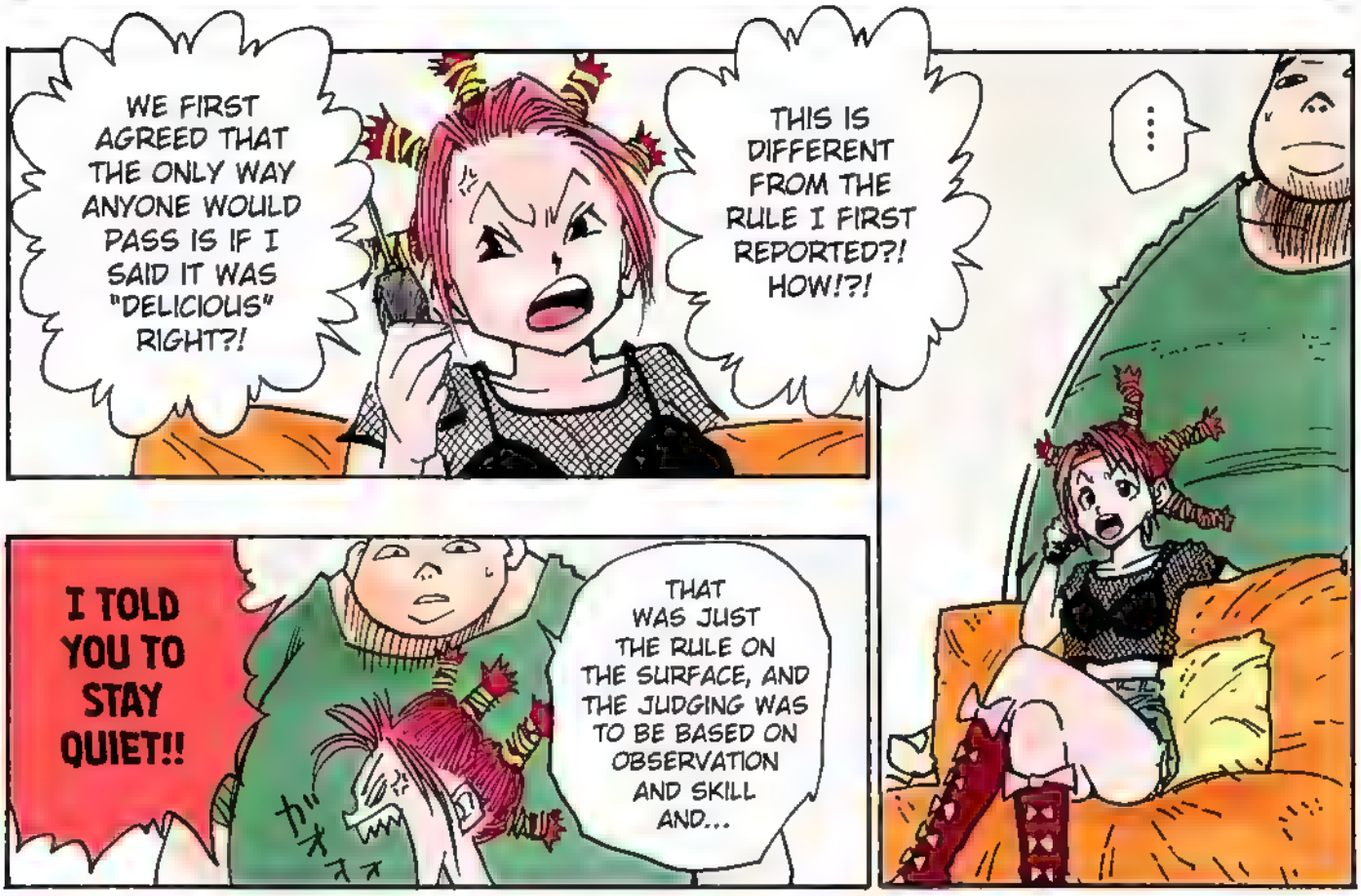
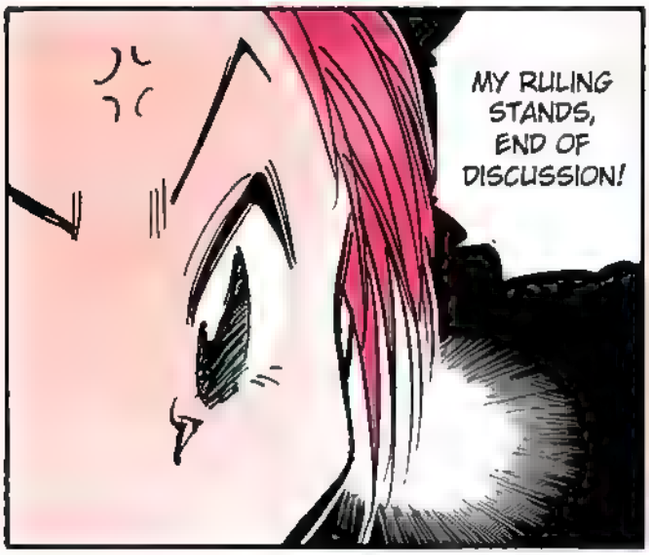
# No.012 ◆
# THE CHAIRMAN ARRIVES



I DON'T WANT TO!! RESULTS ARE RESULTS!! WE CAN'T REDO IT!!
LIKE I SAID, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT! THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED!!


WE FIRST AGREED THAT THE ONLY WAY ANYONE WOULD PASS IS IF I SAID IT WAS "DELICIOUS" RIGHT?!
THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE RULE I FIRST REPORTED?! HOW!?!
...
I TOLD YOU TO STAY QUIET!!
THAT WAS JUST THE RULE ON THE SURFACE, AND THE JUDGING WAS TO BE BASED ON OBSERVATION AND SKILL AND...


MY RULING STANDS, END OF DISCUSSION!

DAMN...
AND THAT IDIOT BALDY ENDED UP BLABBERING IT TO EVERYONE!
IT'S NOT LIKE I DIDN'T HAVE A REASON FOR THIS! ONE OF THE EXAMINERS KNEW HOW TO MAKE THE DISH...

THE SECOND TEST OF THE SECOND PHASE, FOR THE SUSHI DISH...

THE NUMBER OF EXAMINEES TO PASS IS 0!!

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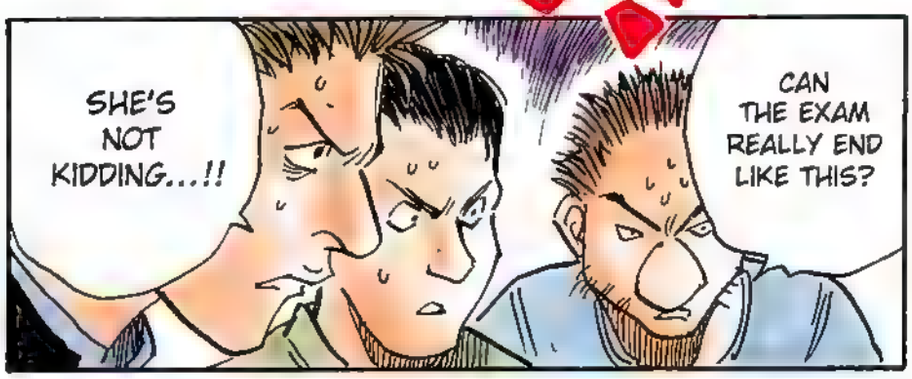
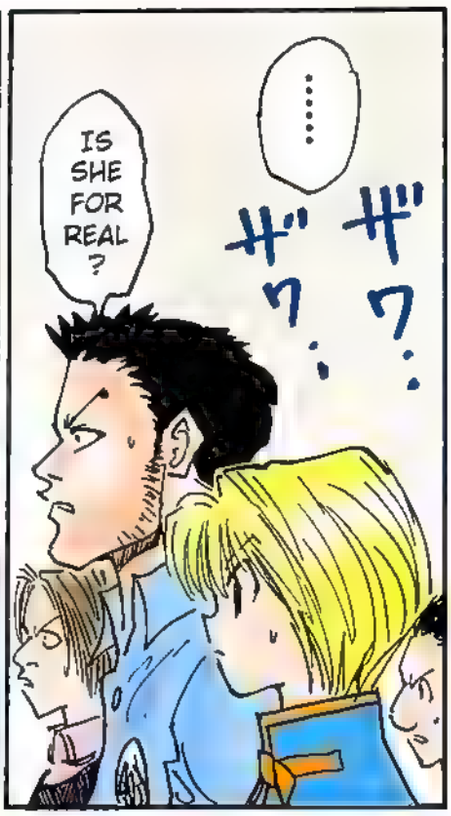
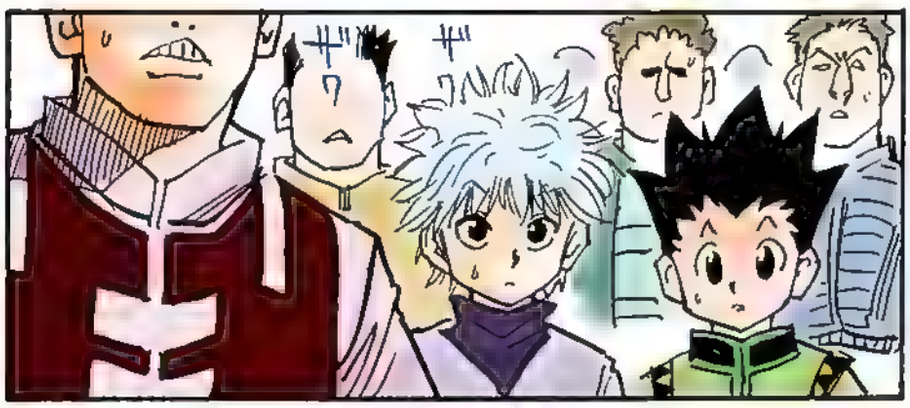
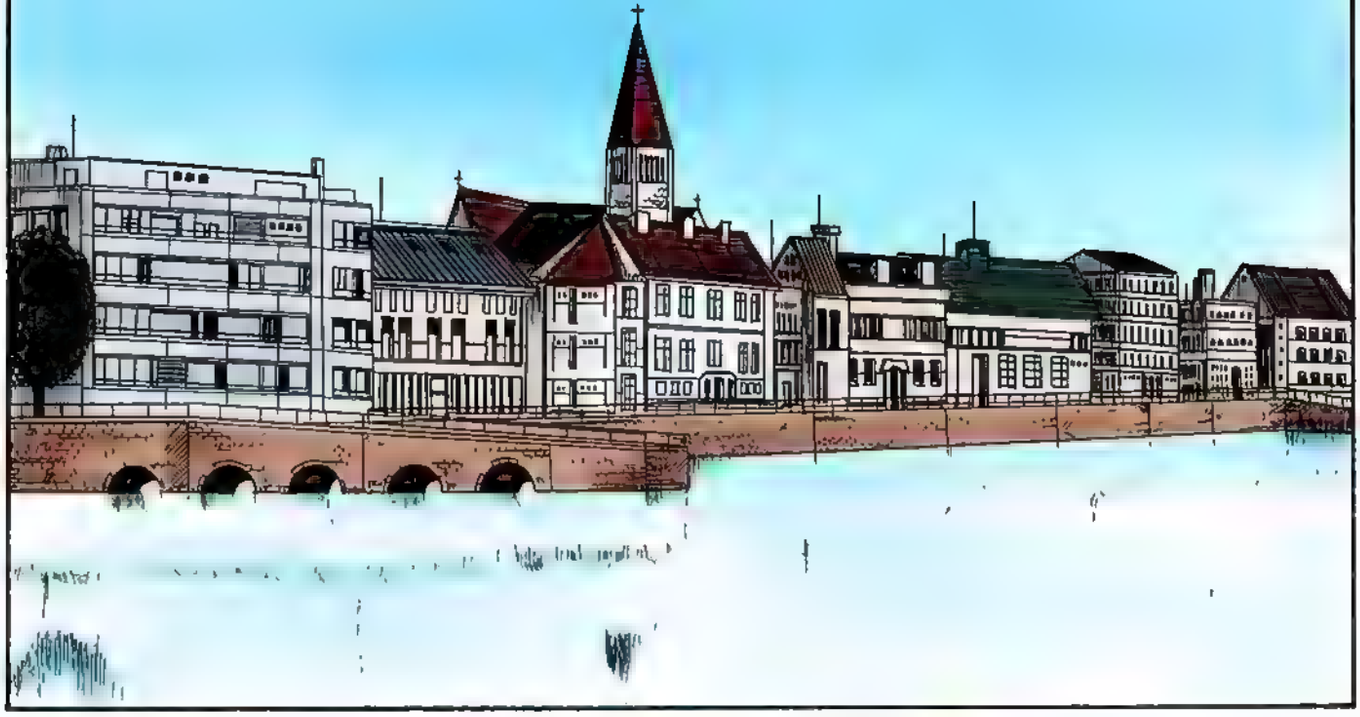
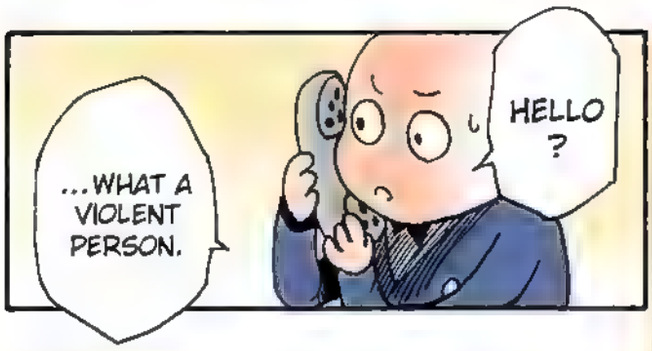
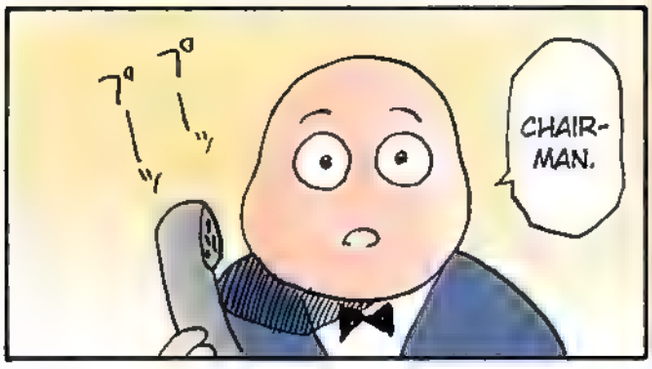





HELLO ?
...WHAT A VIOLENT PERSON.


CHAIR-MAN.

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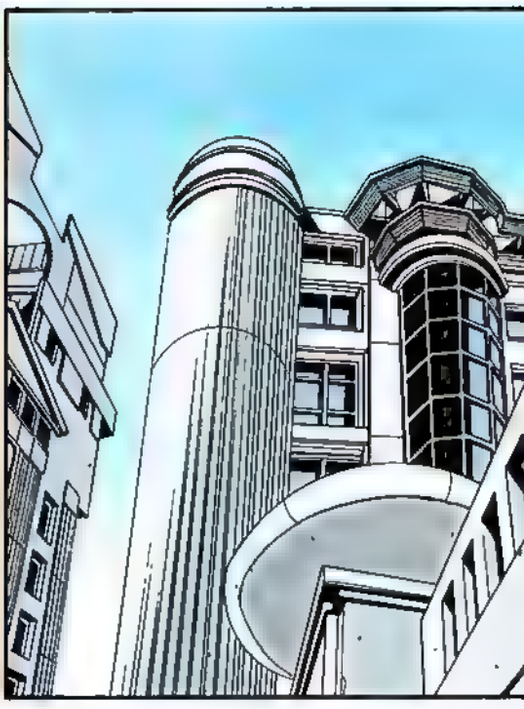
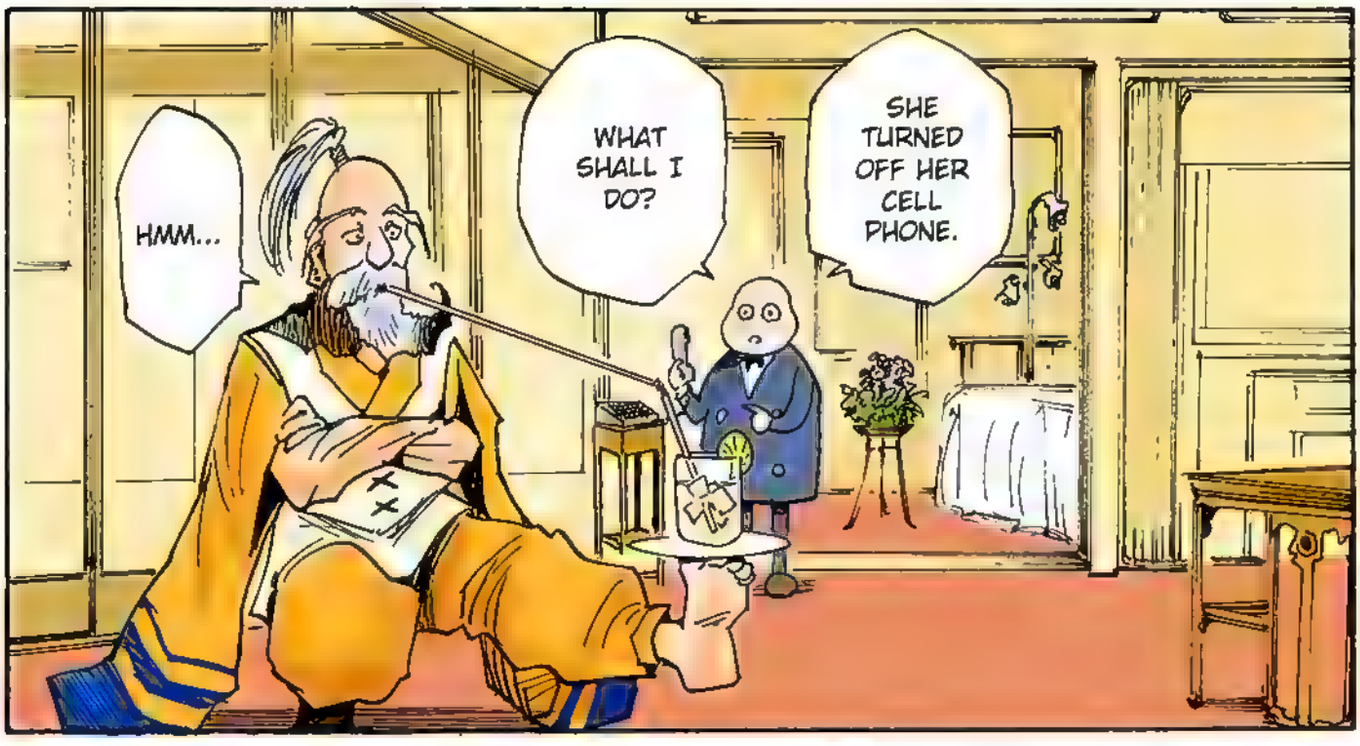
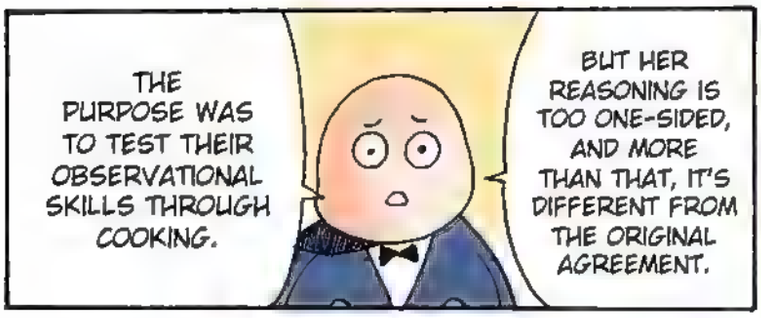
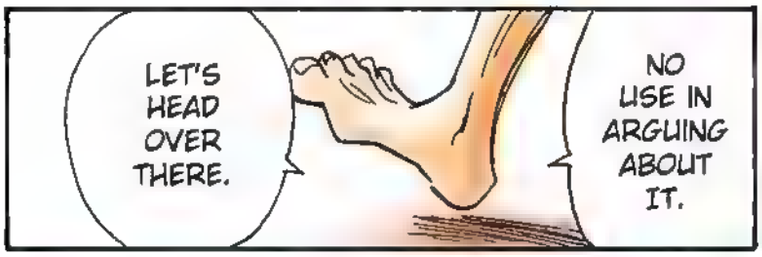
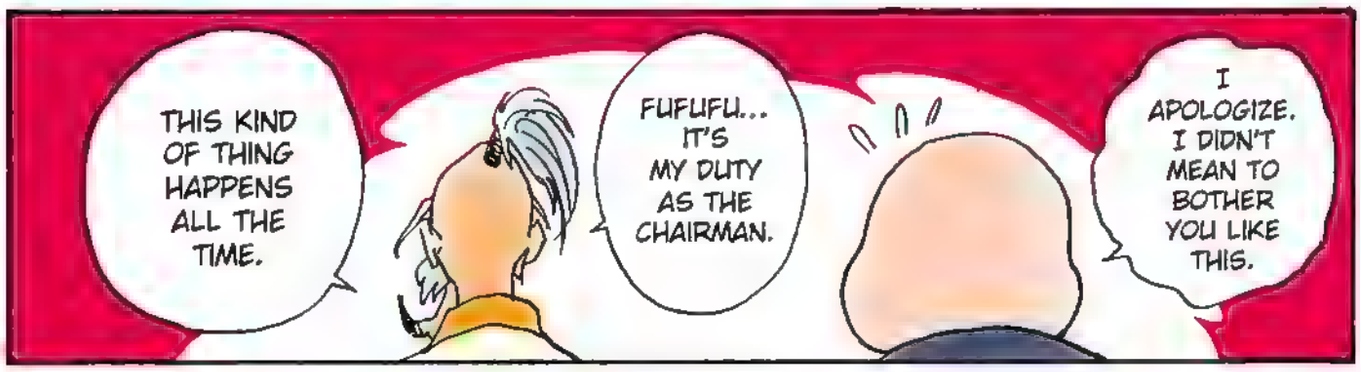


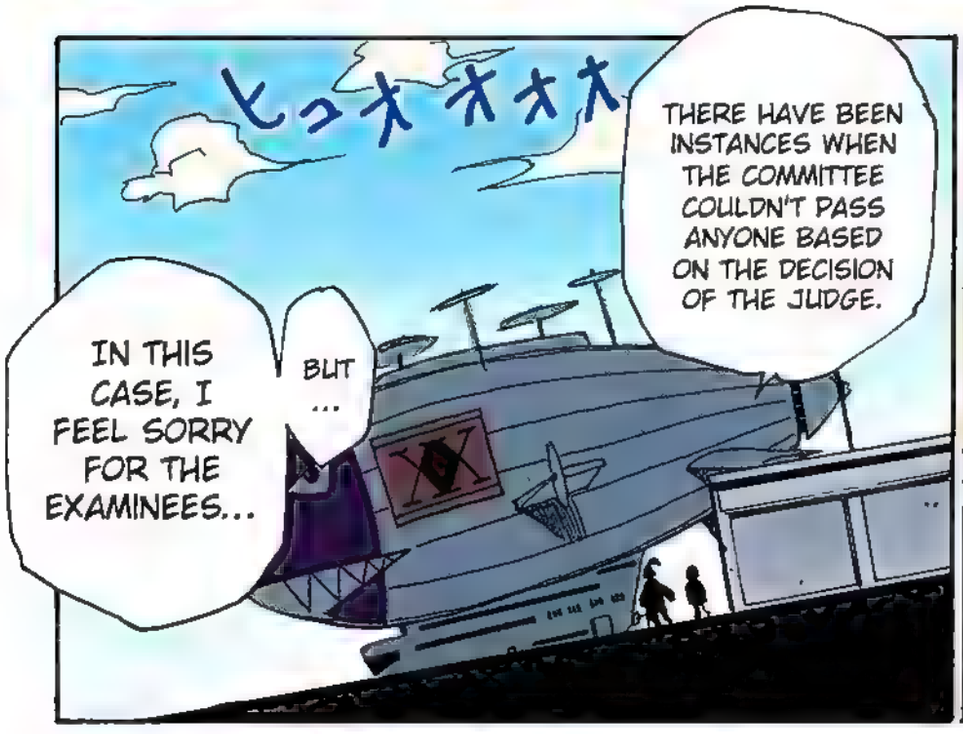

HMM...
WHAT SHALL I DO?
SHE TURNED OFF HER CELL PHONE.


THE PURPOSE WAS TO TEST THEIR OBSERVATIONAL SKILLS THROUGH COOKING.
BUT HER REASONING IS TOO ONE-SIDED, AND MORE THAN THAT, IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

SHE'S ONE STUBBORN GIRL.
SHE PROBABLY WON'T BEND HER DECISION UNLESS IT'S FOR A REALLY GOOD REASON.


NO USE IN ARGUING ABOUT IT.
LET'S HEAD OVER THERE.


I APOLOGIZE. I DIDN'T MEAN TO BOTHER YOU LIKE THIS.
FUFUFU... IT'S MY DUTY AS THE CHAIRMAN.
THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.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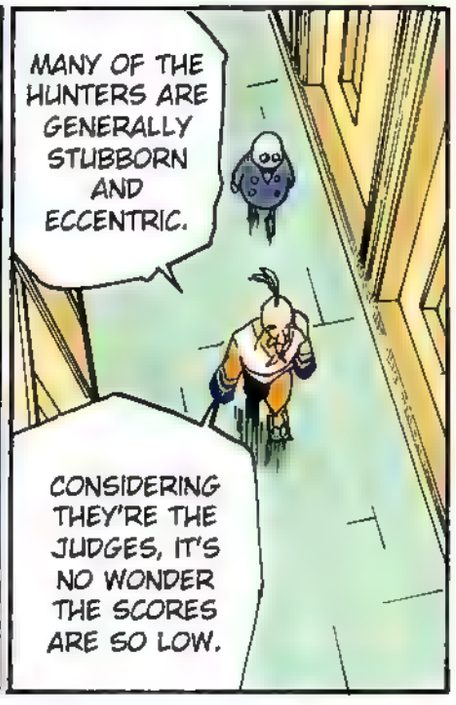
THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHEN THE COMMITTEE COULDN'T PASS ANYONE BASED ON THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE.
BUT ...
IN THIS CASE, I FEEL SORRY FOR THE EXAMINEES...


MANY OF THE HUNTERS ARE GENERALLY STUBBORN AND ECCENTRIC.
CONSIDERING THEY'RE THE JUDGES, IT'S NO WONDER THE SCORES ARE SO LOW.

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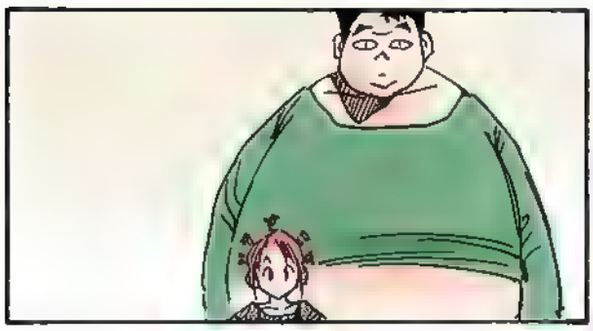
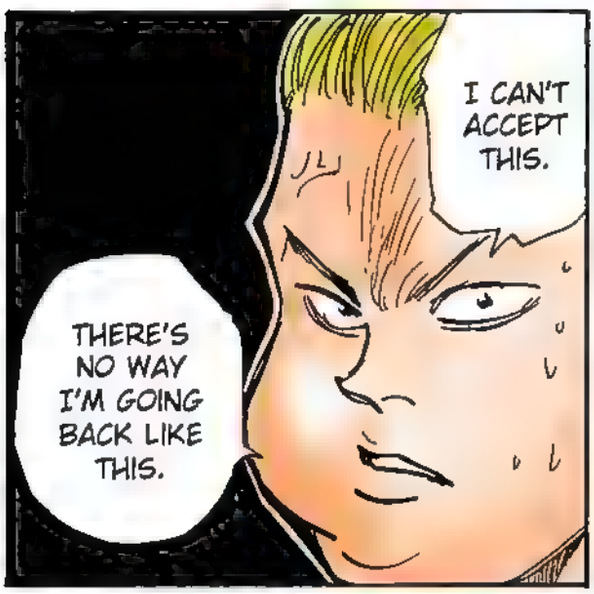
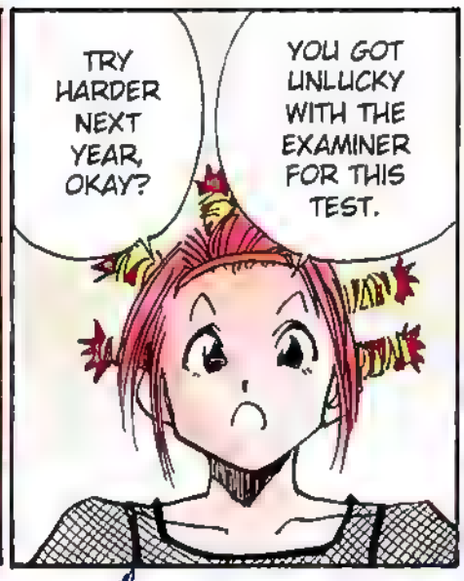


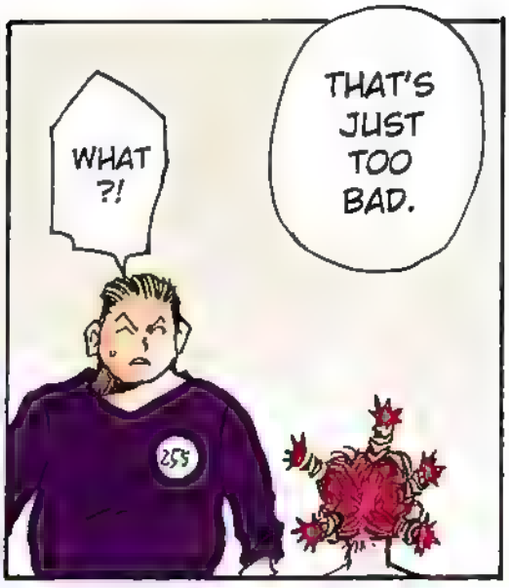


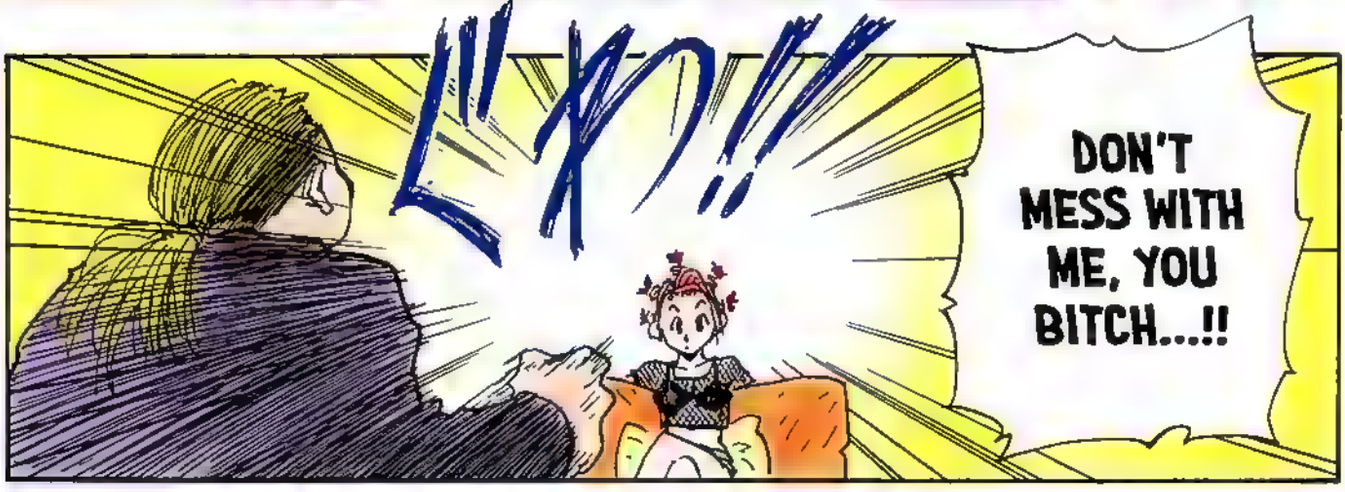
NOT JUST ANY HUNTER, A BLACKLIST HUNTER!! I CAN'T LET A PETTY GOURMET HUNTER LIKE YOU DECIDE MY FUTURE!!

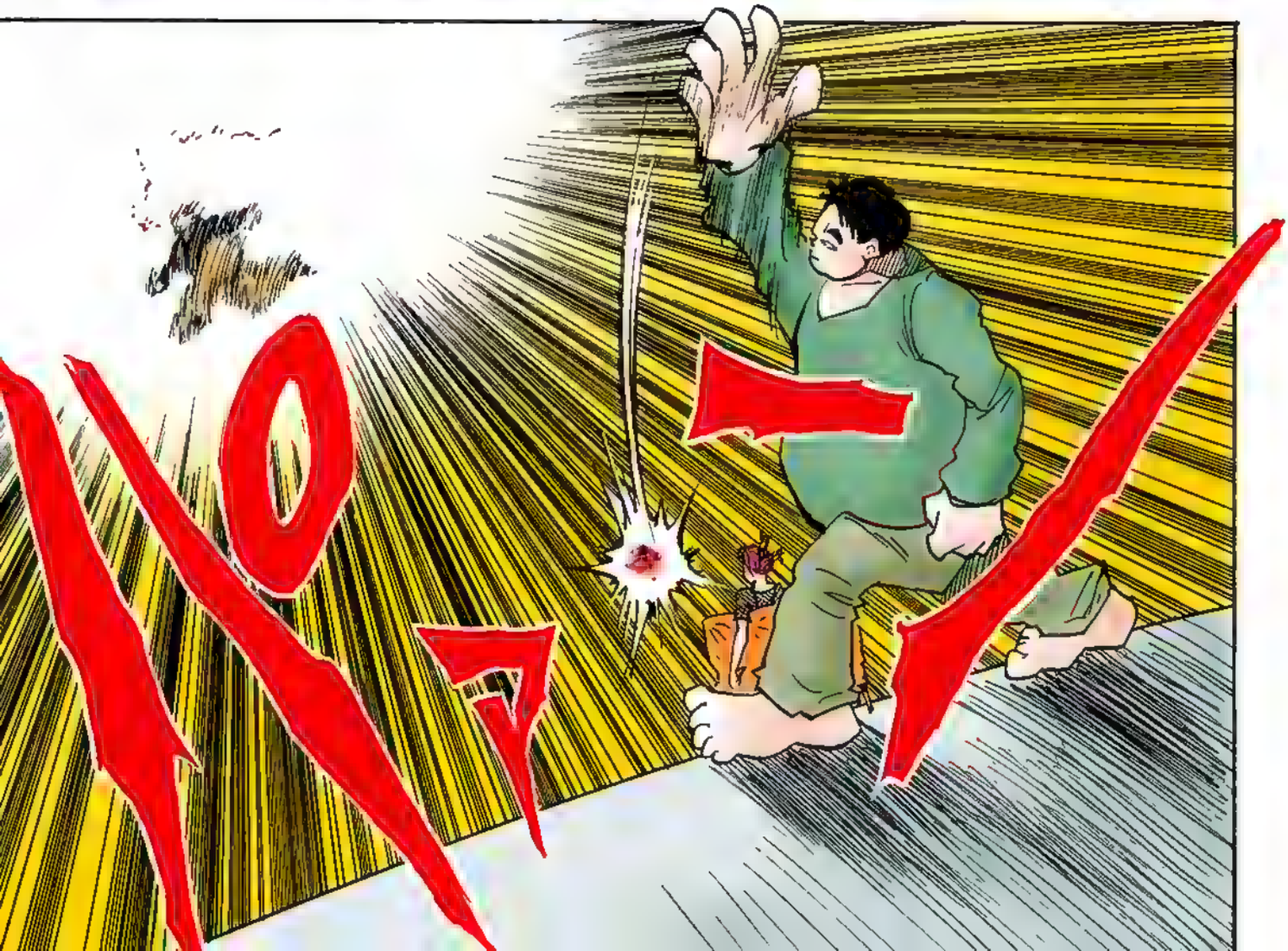
I'M NOT STRIVING TO BECOME A COOK OR A GOURMET!! IT'S TO BE A HUNTER!!

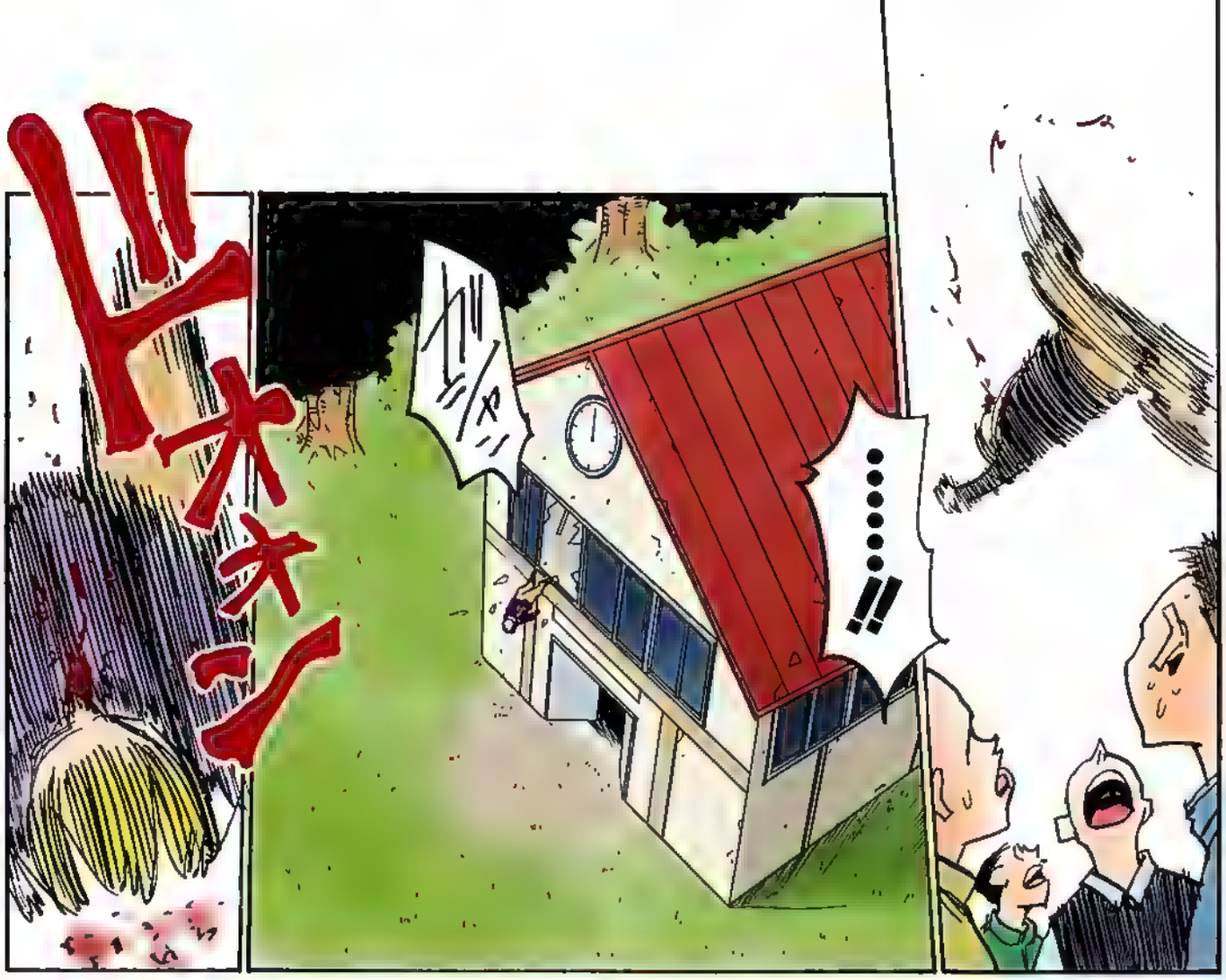
WHY YOU...


TRY HARDER NEXT YEAR, OKAY?
YOU GOT UNLUCKY WITH THE EXAMINER FOR THIS TEST.


WHAT ?!
THAT'S JUST TOO BAD.


DON'T MESS WITH ME, YOU BITCH...!!

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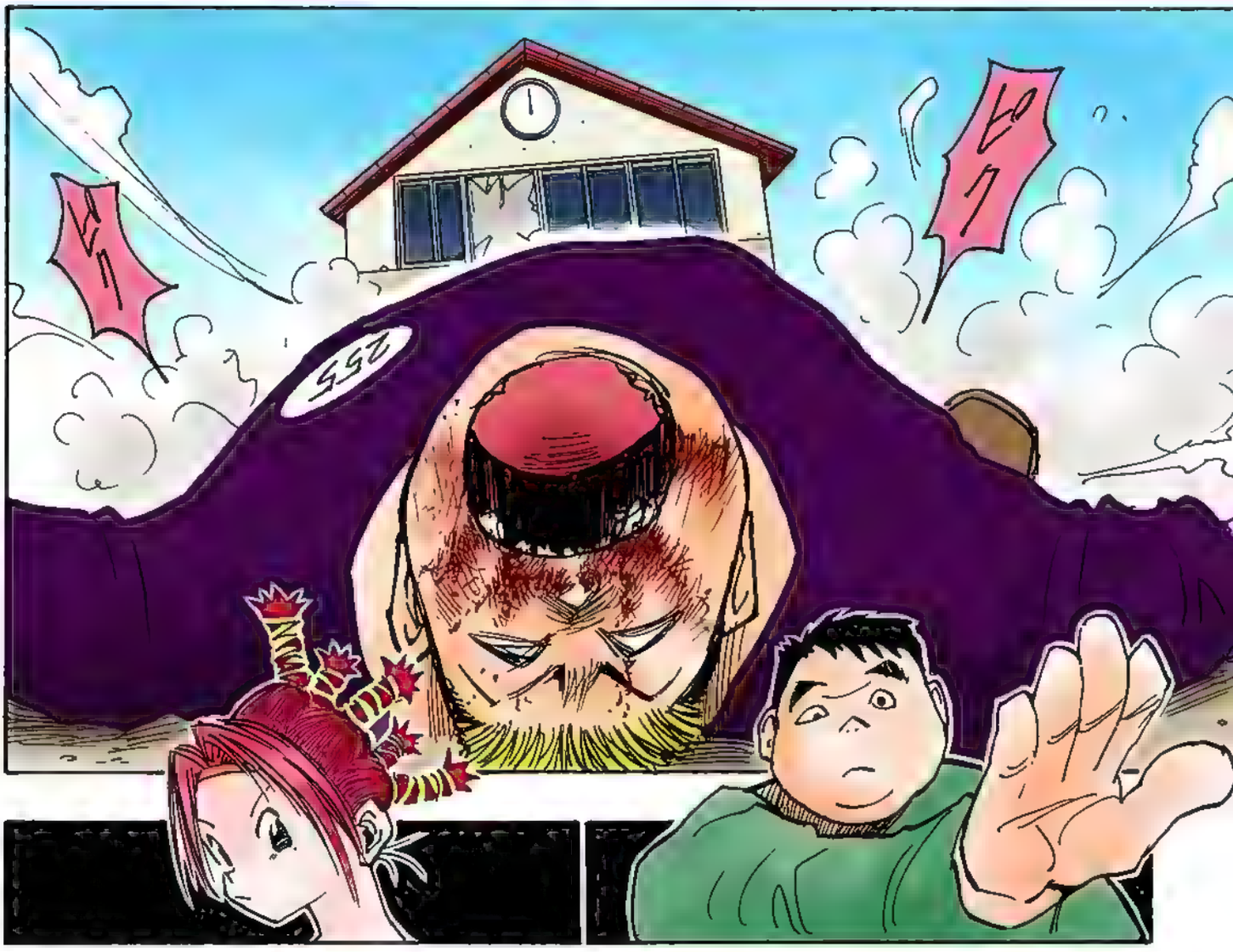
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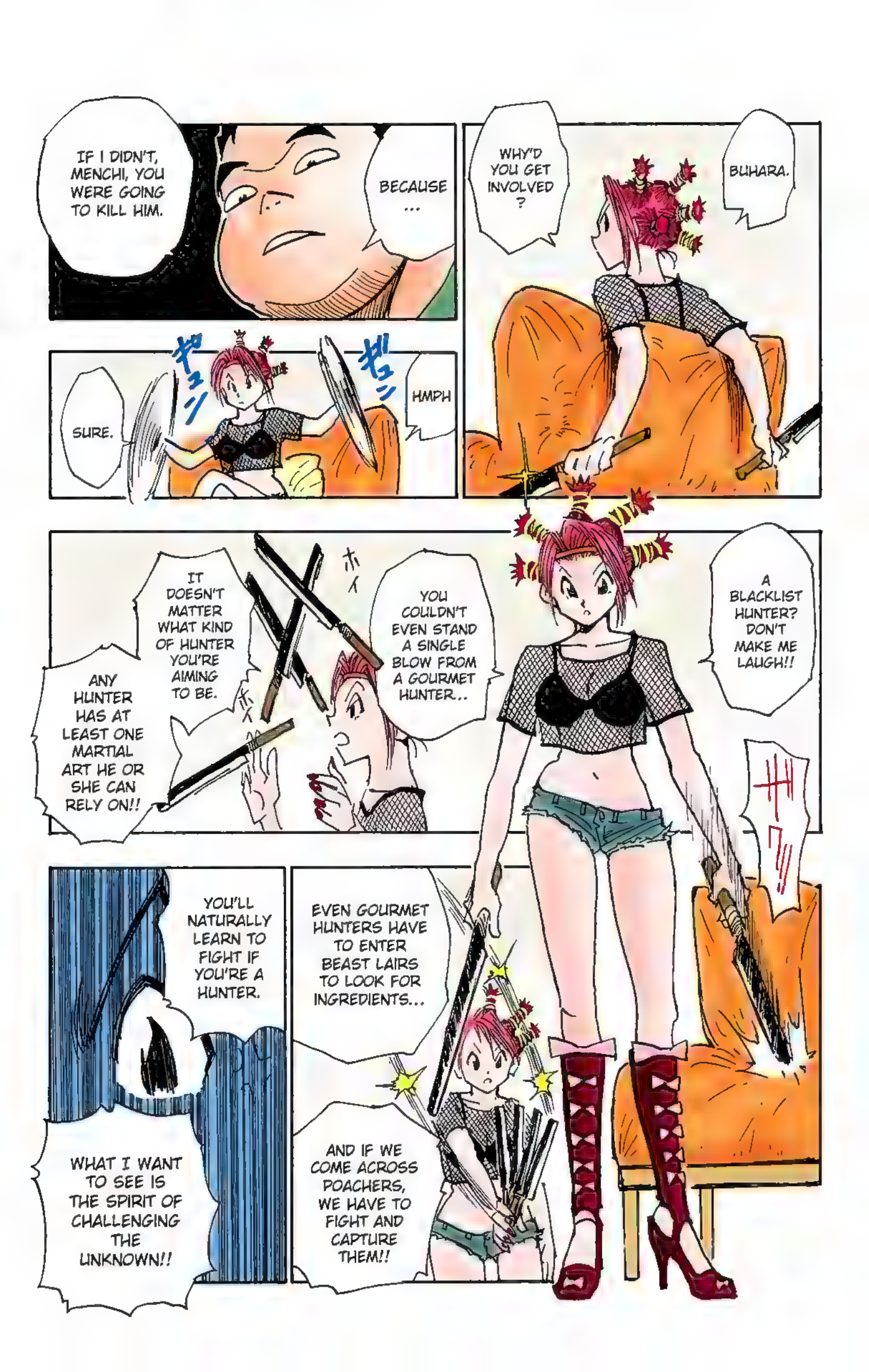
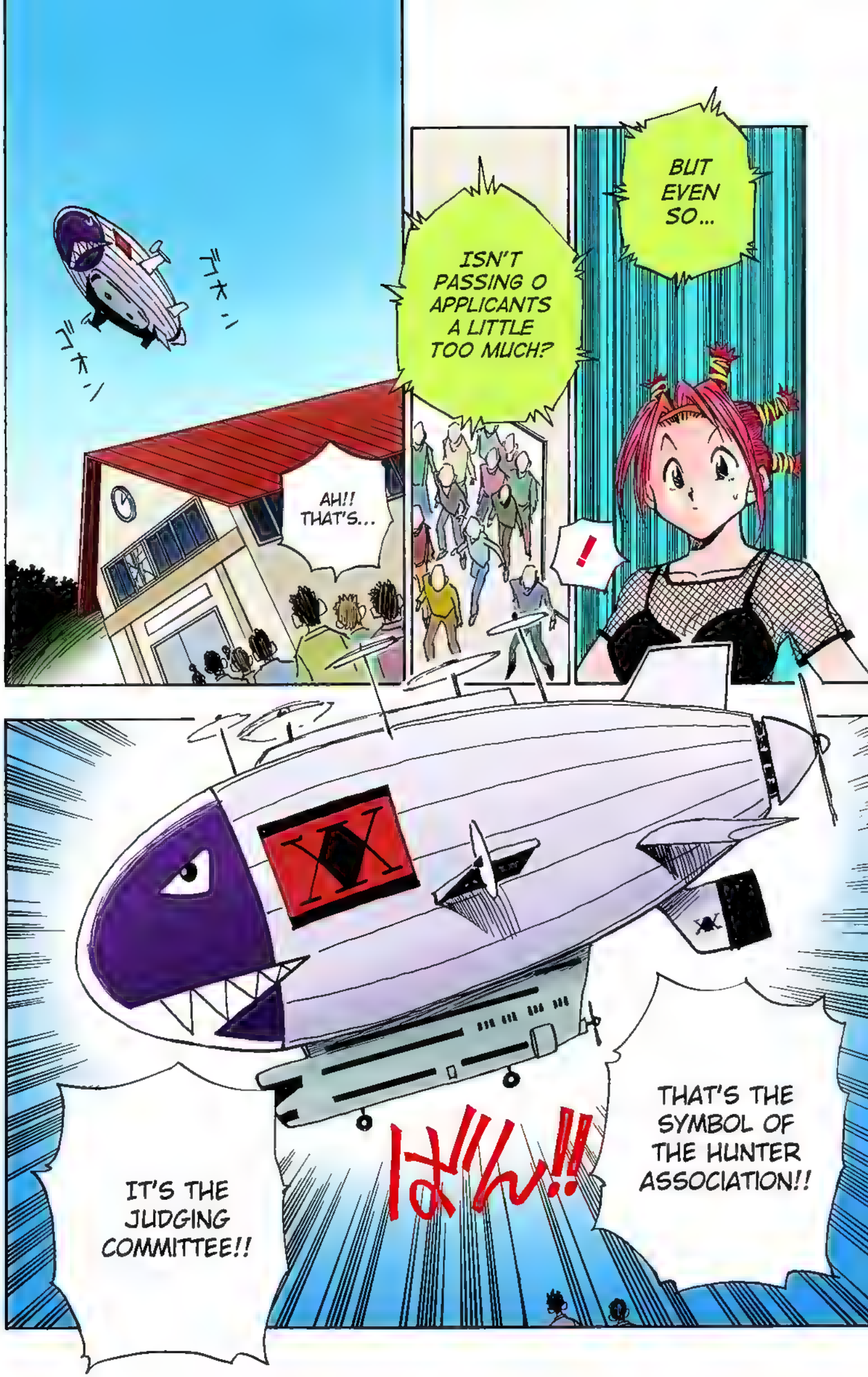

IF I DIDN'T, MENCHI, YOU WERE GOING TO KILL HIM.
BECAUSE ...
WHY'D YOU GET INVOLVED ?
BUHARA.
SURE.
HMPH
ANY HUNTER HAS AT LEAST ONE MARTIAL ART HE OR SHE CAN RELY ON!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF HUNTER YOU'RE AIMING TO BE.
YOU COULDN'T EVEN STAND A SINGLE BLOW FROM A GOURMET HUNTER...
A BLACKLIST HUNTER? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!!
YOU'LL NATURALLY LEARN TO FIGHT IF YOU'RE A HUNTER.
WHAT I WANT TO SEE IS THE SPIRIT OF CHALLENGING THE UNKNOWN!!
EVEN GOURMET HUNTERS HAVE TO ENTER BEAST LAIRS TO LOOK FOR INGREDIENTS...
AND IF WE COME ACROSS POACHERS, WE HAVE TO FIGHT AND CAPTURE THEM!!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AH!! THAT'S...
ISN'T PASSING 0 APPLICANTS A LITTLE TOO MUCH?
BUT EVEN SO...
!
IT'S THE JUDGING COMMITTEE!!
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THAT'S THE SYMBOL OF THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION!!

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HIS LEGS SURVIVED THAT JUMP?! HOW?!
WHO THE HELL IS THIS OLD MAN?
HE'S THE HEAD DIRECTOR OF THE HUNTER EXAM.
CHAIRMAN NETERO OF THE JUDGING COMMITTEE.
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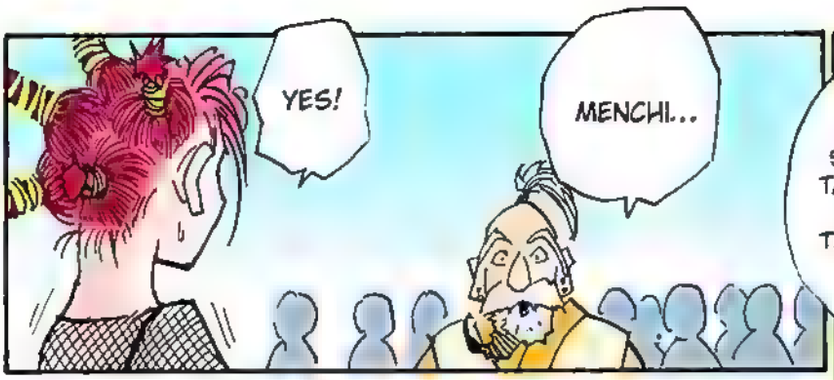
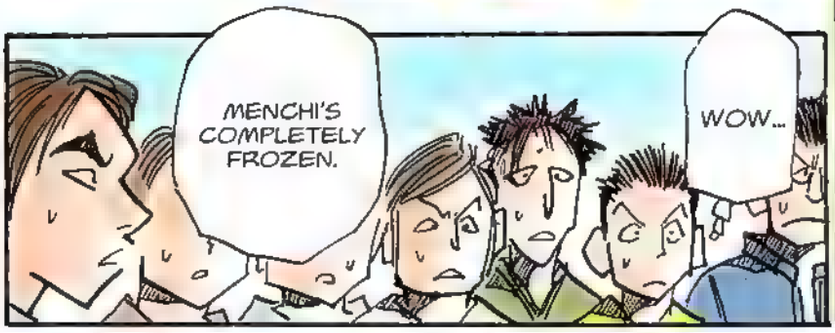
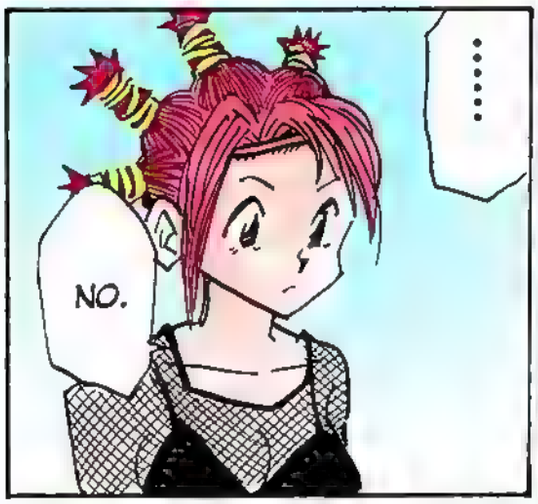

YES!
MENCHI...

ONLY TO SHOW UP TO TAKE CARE OF THE LITTLE TROUBLES WE RUN INTO.
I'M JUST A FIGUREHEAD. ALL I DO NOW IS SIT AROUND...


MENCHI'S COMPLETELY FROZEN.
WOW...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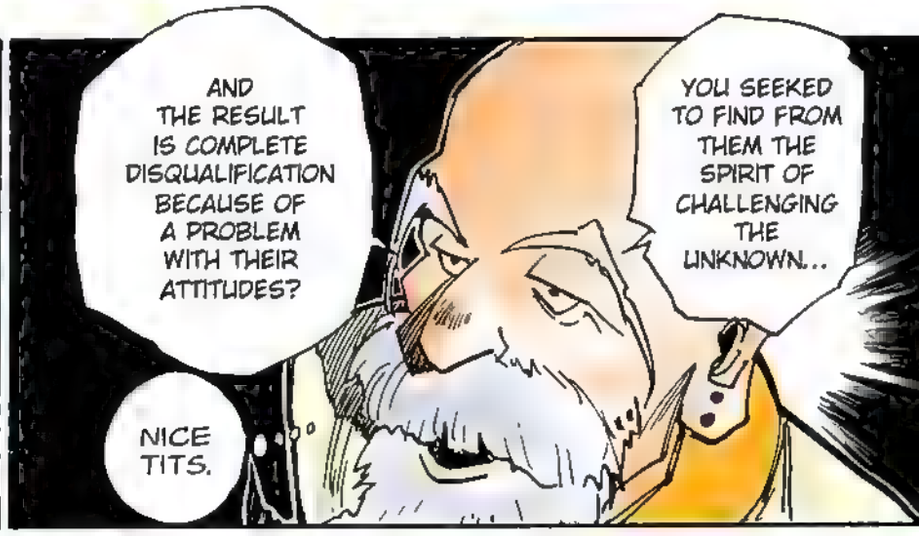
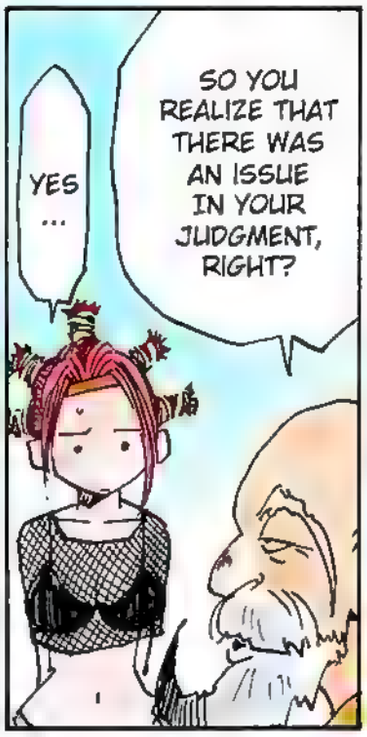
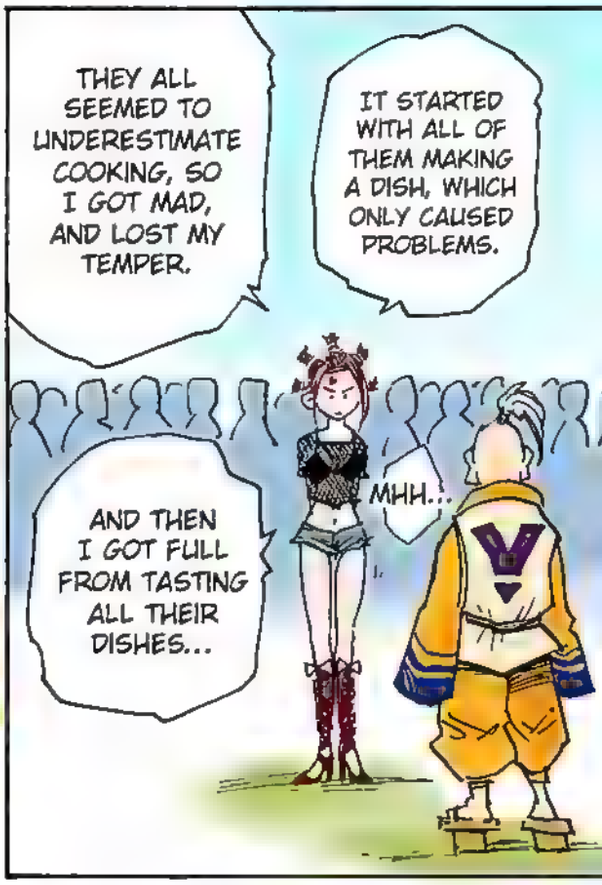

AND THE RESULT IS COMPLETE DISQUALIFICATION BECAUSE OF A PROBLEM WITH THEIR ATTITUDES?
NICE TITS.
YOU SEEKED TO FIND FROM THEM THE SPIRIT OF CHALLENGING THE UNKNOWN...

I APOLOGIZED! I TEND TO LOSE CONTROL OF MYSELF WHEN IT COMES TO COOKING.
I AM A FAILURE AS AN EXAMINER.


YES ...
SO YOU REALIZE THAT THERE WAS AN ISSUE IN YOUR JUDGMENT, RIGHT?


THEY ALL SEEMED TO UNDERESTIMATE COOKING, SO I GOT MAD, AND LOST MY TEMPER.
IT STARTED WITH ALL OF THEM MAKING A DISH, WHICH ONLY CAUSED PROBLEMS.
AND THEN I GOT FULL FROM TASTING ALL THEIR DISHES...
MHH...

THE CHOSEN MENU SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TOO DIFFICULT.
HMM... EVEN IF WE WERE TO CONTINUE WITH THE TEST...
UGH...
I WILL RESIGN AS AN EXAMINER SO PLEASE DISREGARD THE RESULTS OF THIS TEST.
WE CONTINUE WITH THE EXAM.
OKAY! HOW ABOUT WE DO THIS?
HOW ABOUT IT?
HOWEVER, WE WILL CHOOSE A NEW TEST IN WHICH YOU WILL FIRST DEMONSTRATE IT PERSONALLY BEFORE WE START.
I SEE.
THEN ...
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF TEST IT IS, I WON'T LOSE.
HMPH.
IT'LL BE MUCH EASIER FOR THE EXAMINERS TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS AS WELL.
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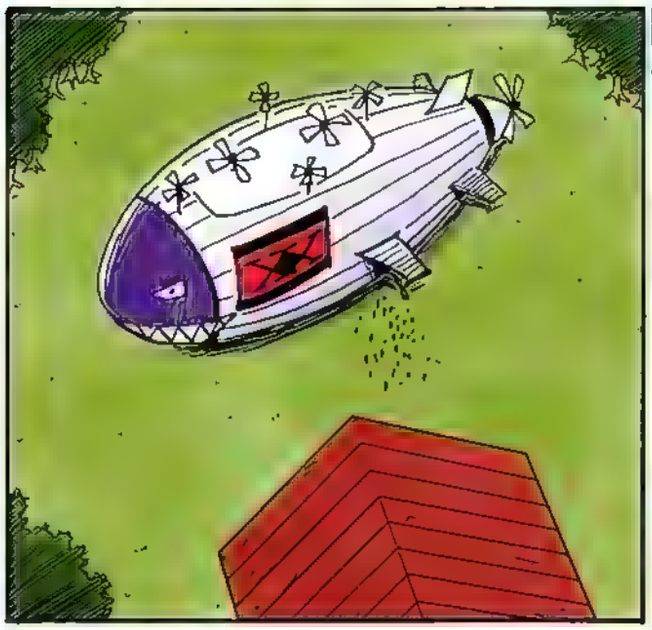
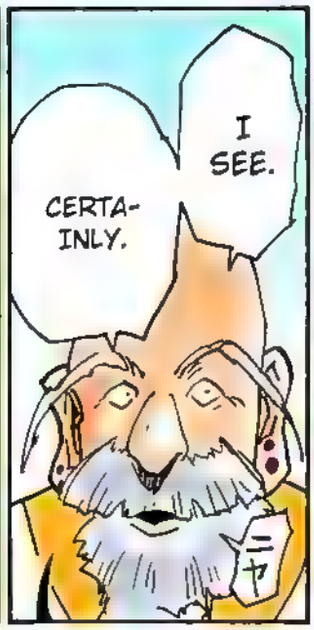
IT'LL BE BOILED EGGS.




I SEE.
CERTA-INLY.
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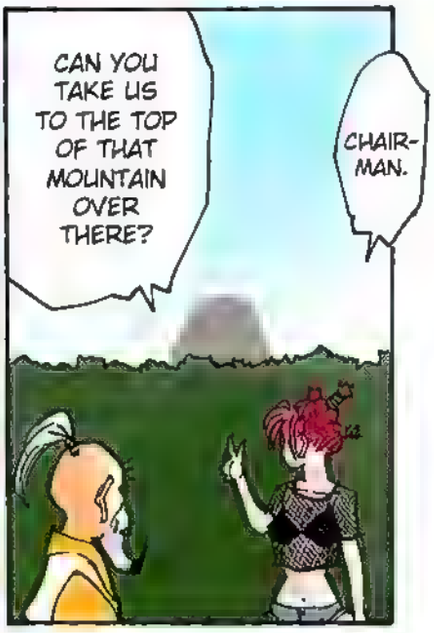
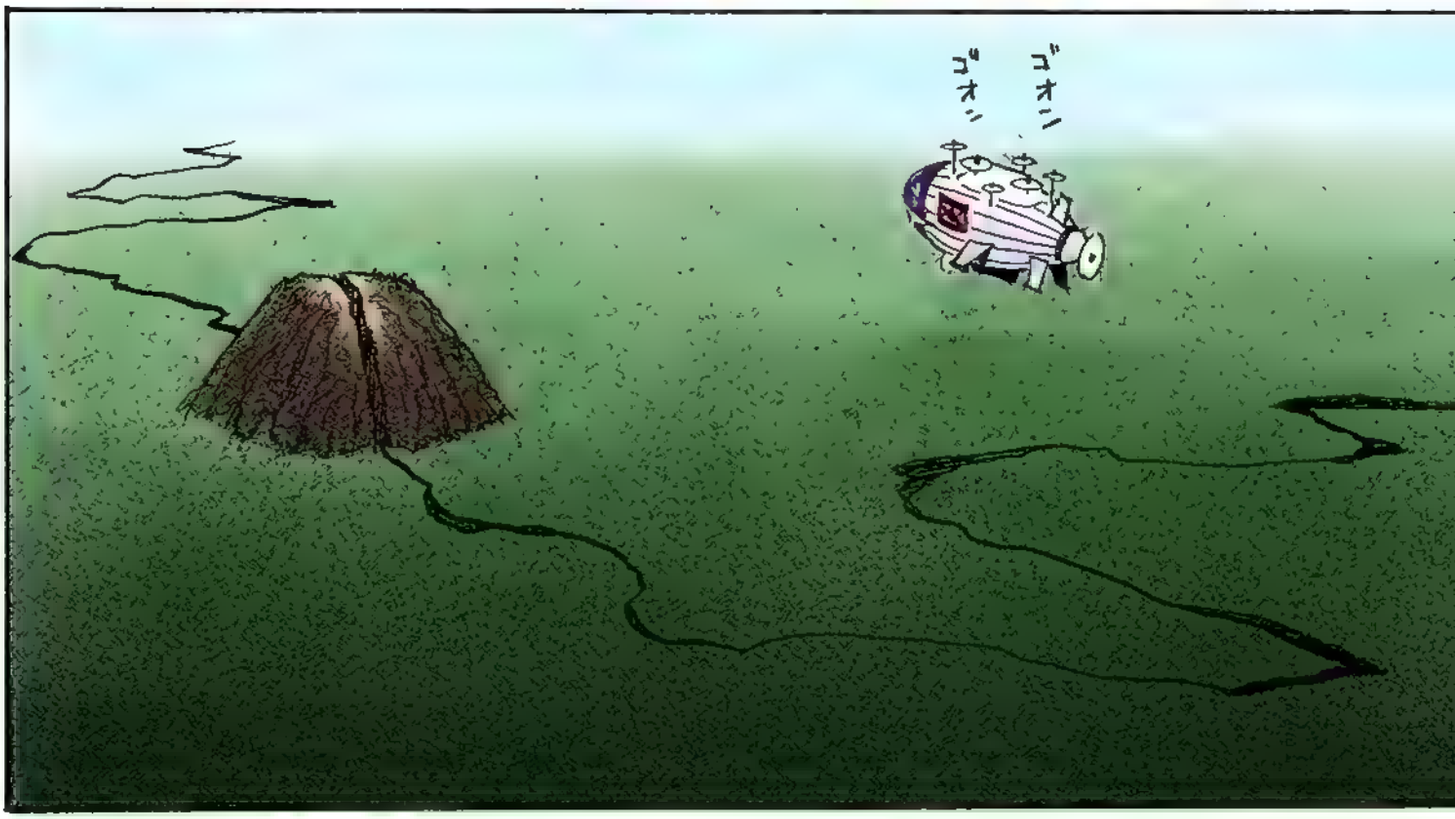

CAN YOU TAKE US TO THE TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN OVER THERE?
CHAIR-MAN.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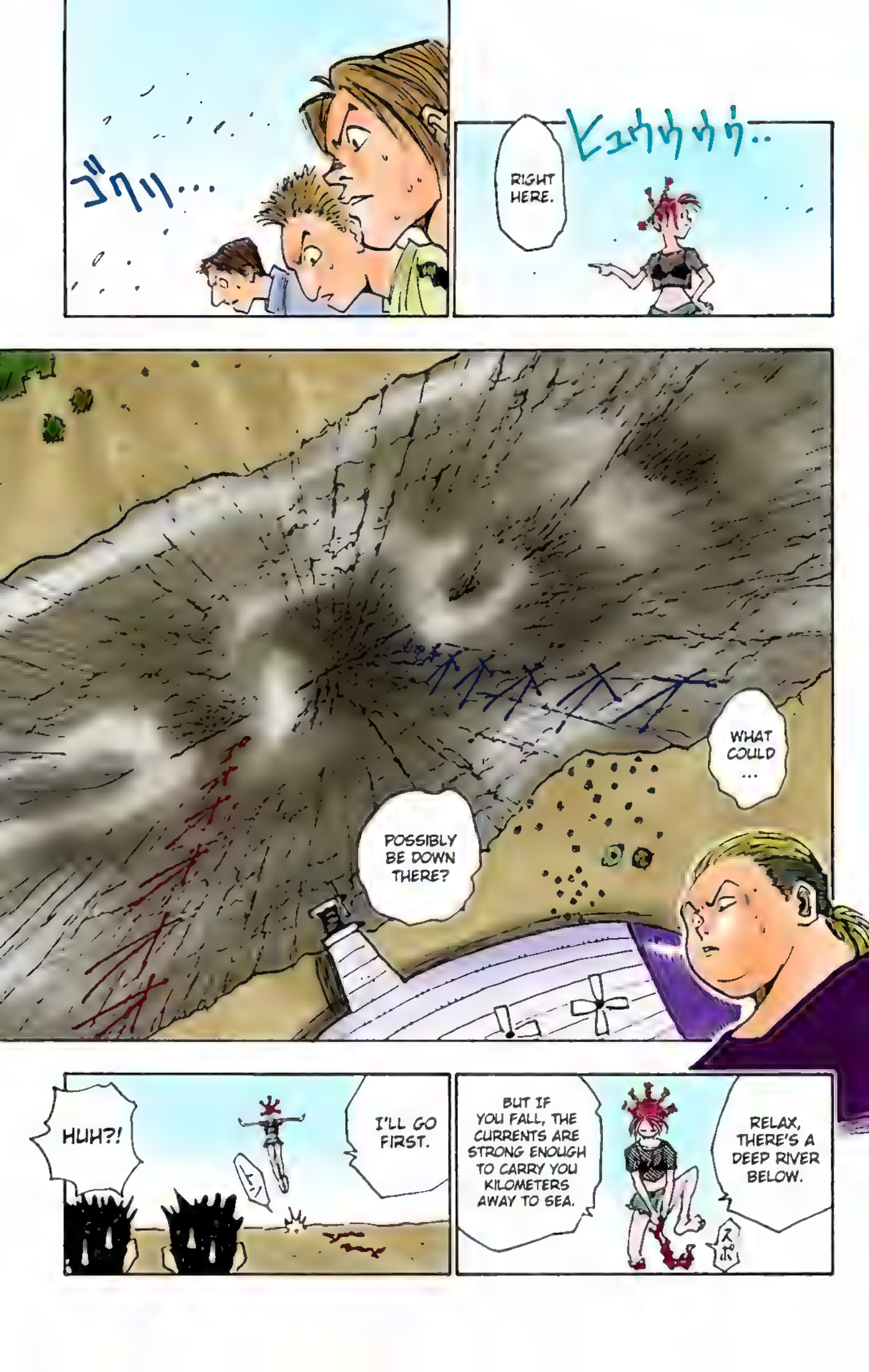
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RIGHT HERE.
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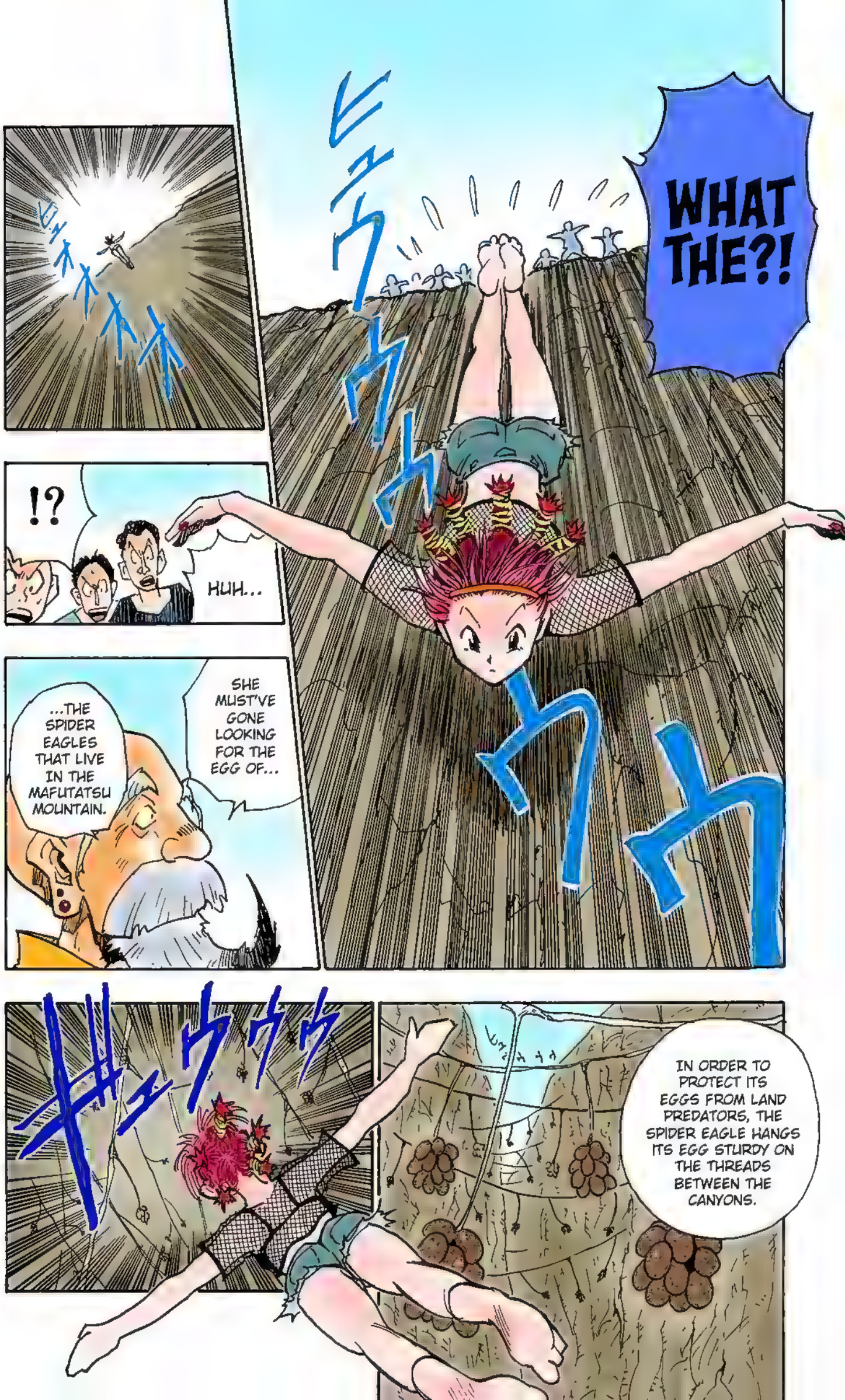
WHAT COULD ...
POSSIBLY BE DOWN THERE?
HUH?!
I'LL GO FIRST.
BUT IF YOU FALL, THE CURRENTS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY YOU KILOMETERS AWAY TO SEA.
RELAX, THERE'S A DEEP RIVER BELOW.


WHAT THE?!
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HUH...
...THE SPIDER EAGLES THAT LIVE IN THE MAFUTATSU MOUNTAIN.
SHE MUST'VE GONE LOOKING FOR THE EGG OF...
IN ORDER TO PROTECT ITS EGGS FROM LAND PREDATORS, THE SPIDER EAGLE HANGS ITS EGG STURDY ON THE THREADS BETWEEN THE CANYONS.

PICK ONE EGG...
...AND CLIMB BACK UP.
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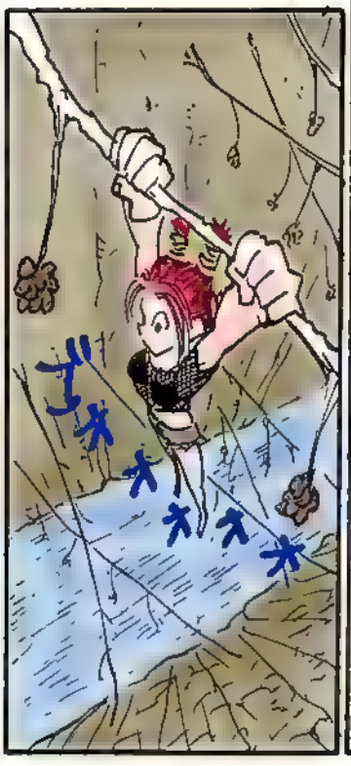
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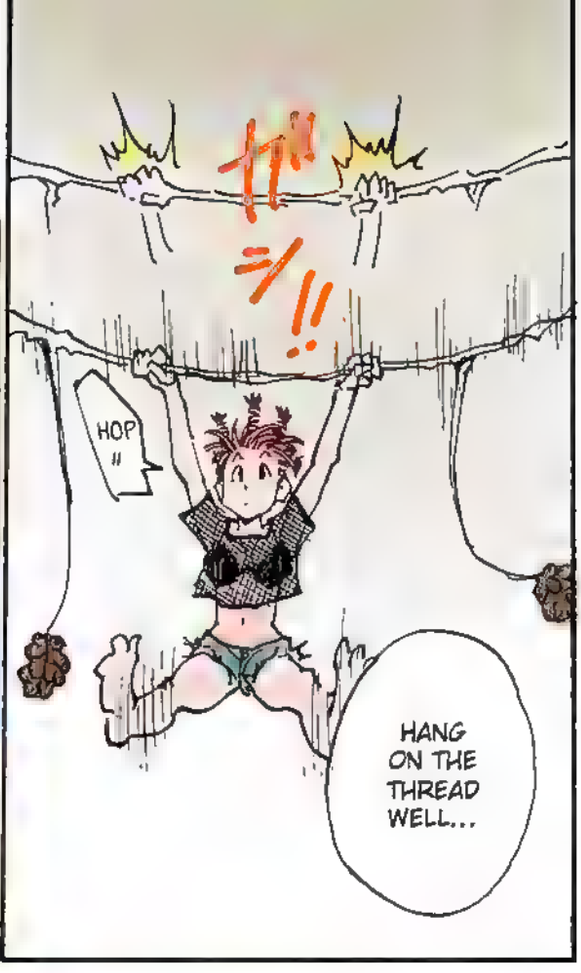
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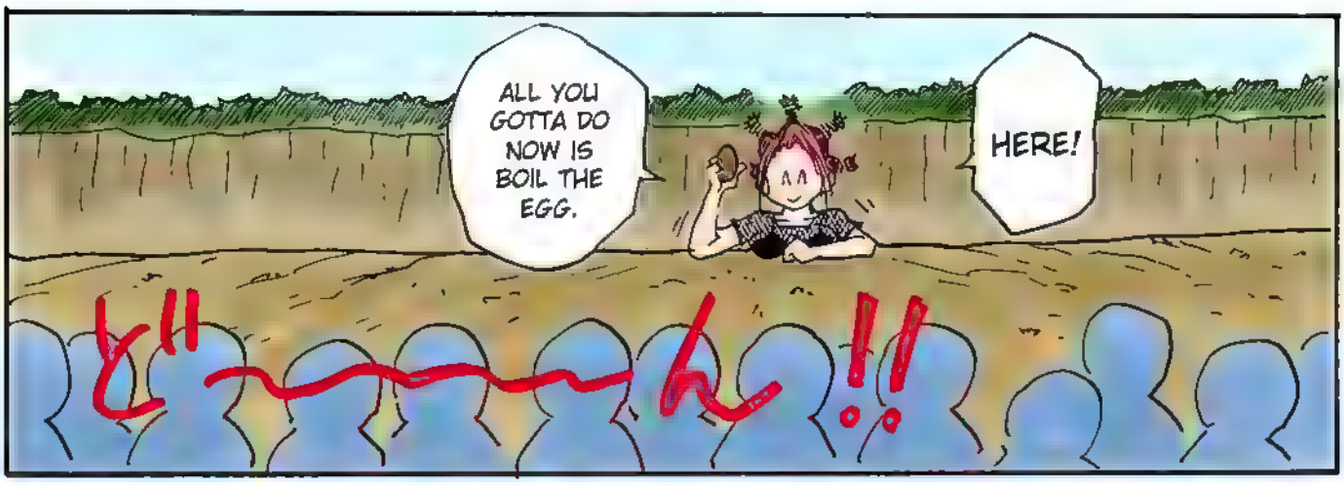
HOP
HANG ON THE THREAD WELL...


ALL YOU GOTTA DO NOW IS BOIL THE EGG.
HERE!
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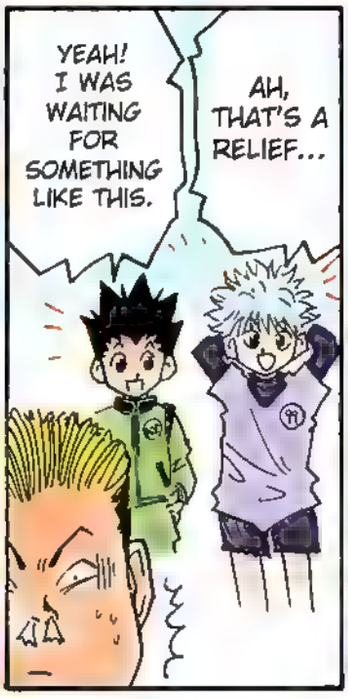
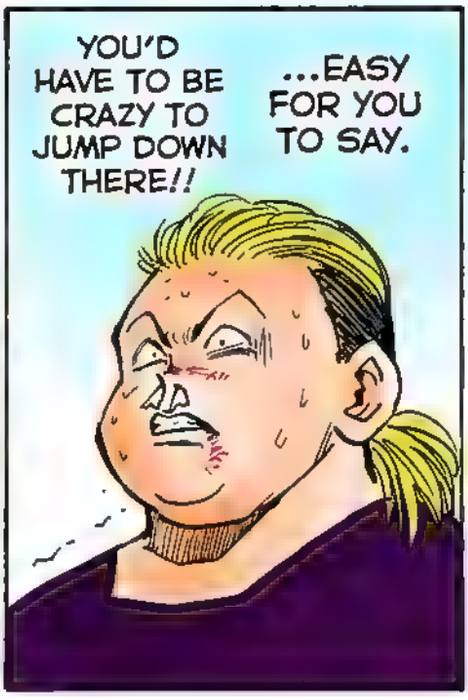
SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS MUCH FASTER AND EASIER THAN ANY TRADITIONAL DISH.

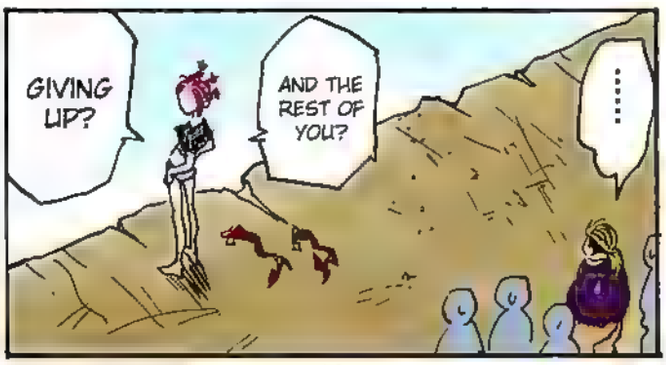
YEAH! LET'S DO THIS!


YEAH! I WAS WAITING FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
AH, THAT'S A RELIEF...


YOU'D HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO JUMP DOWN THERE!!
...EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.

LET'S GO!!

THIS YEAR IS NOT THE ONLY CHANCE YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THIS EXAM.
KNOWING WHEN TO QUIT ALSO TAKES COURAGE.


GIVING UP?
AND THE REST OF YOU?
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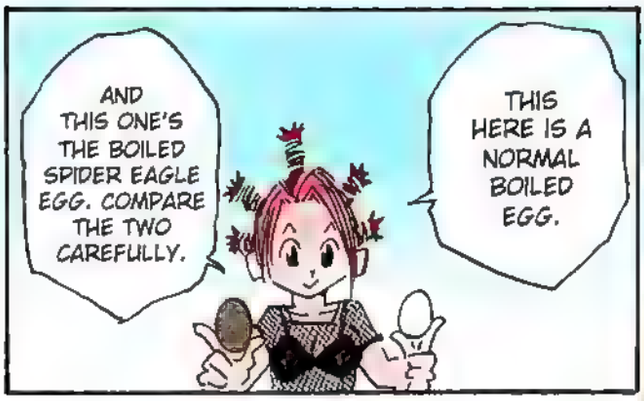
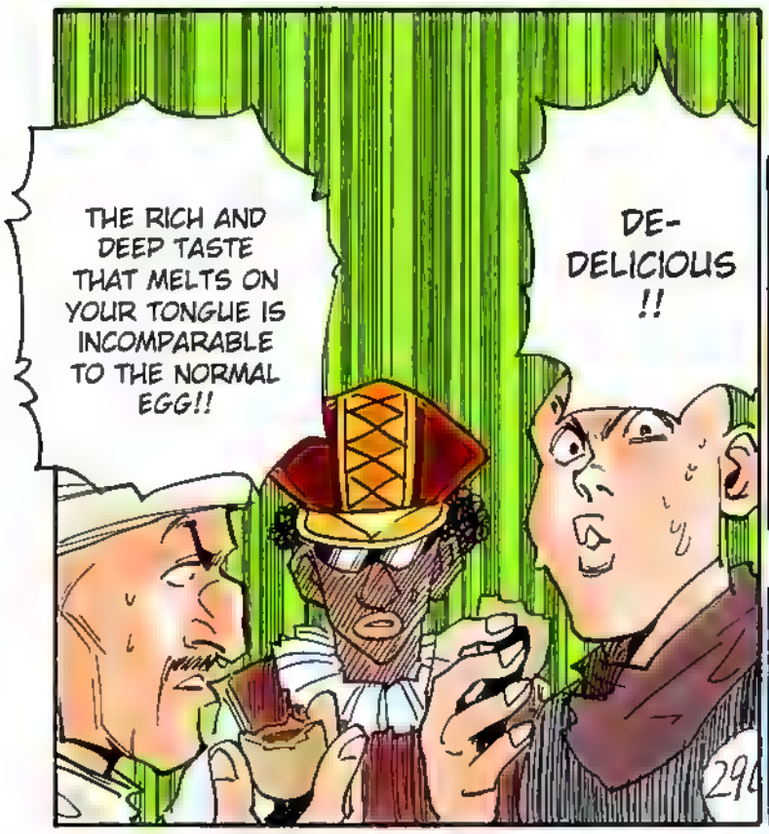
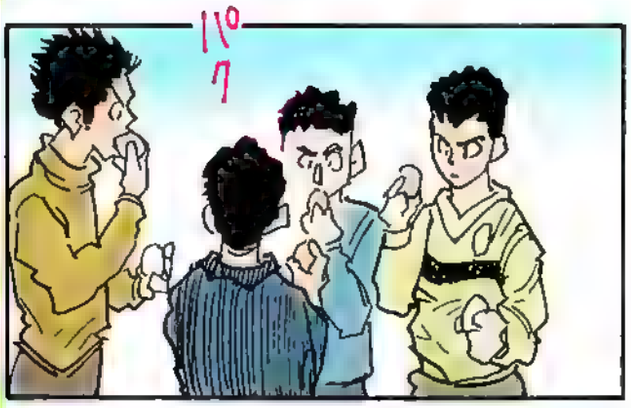

AND THIS ONE'S THE BOILED SPIDER EAGLE EGG. COMPARE THE TWO CAREFULLY.
THIS HERE IS A NORMAL BOILED EGG.


THE RICH AND DEEP TASTE THAT MELTS ON YOUR TONGUE IS INCOMPARABLE TO THE NORMAL EGG!!
DE-DELICIOUS !!



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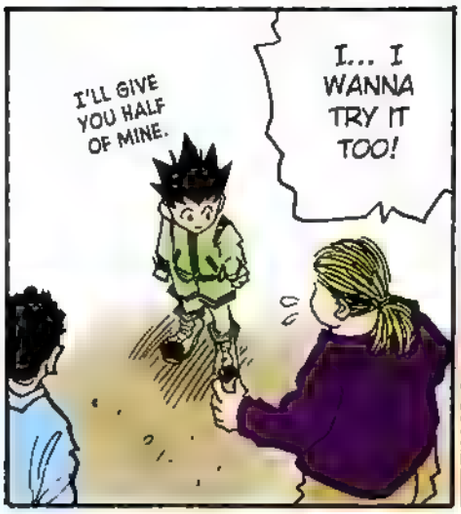
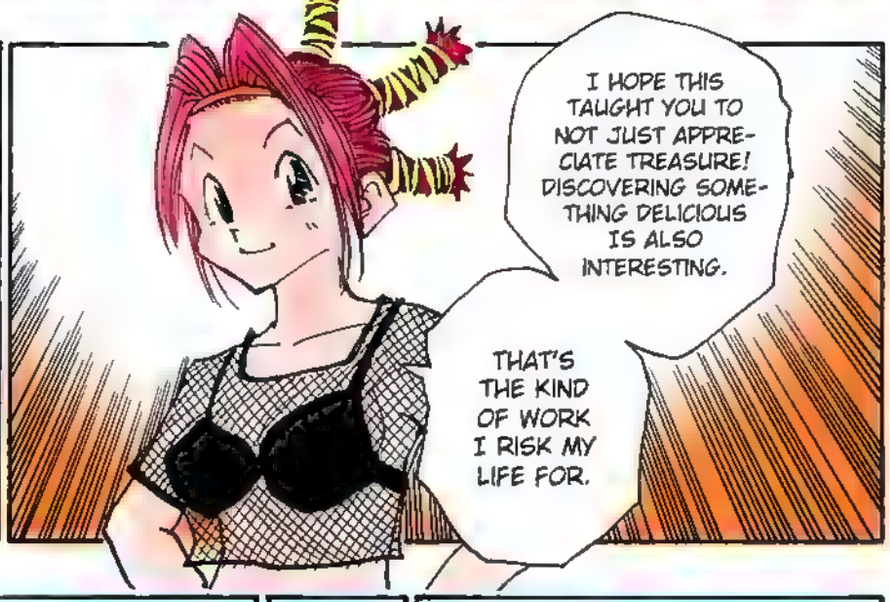
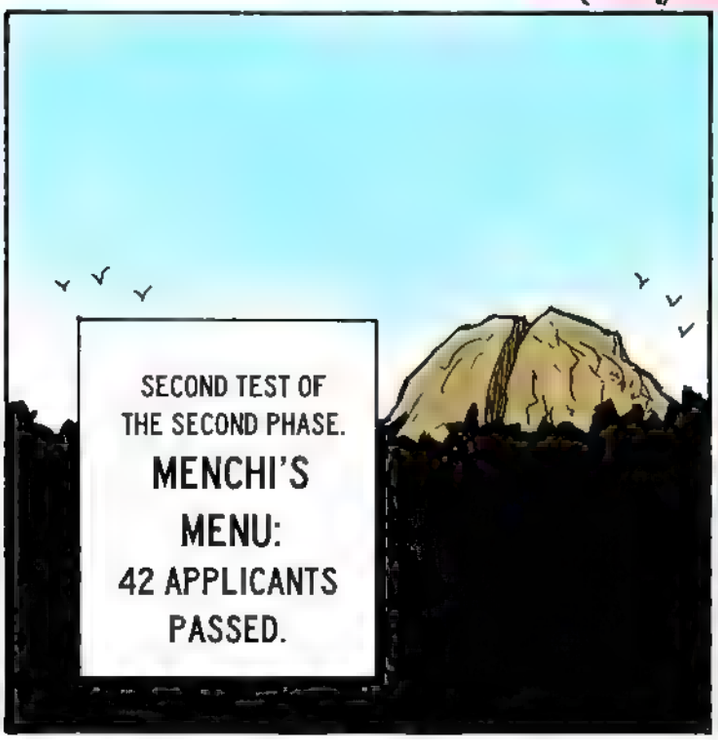
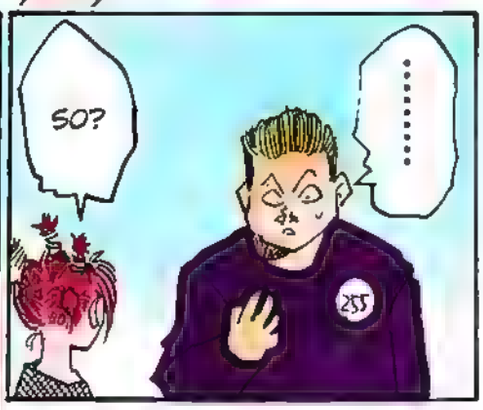

I'LL GIVE YOU HALF OF MINE.
I... I WANNA TRY IT TOO!


I HOPE THIS TAUGHT YOU TO NOT JUST APPRECIATE TREASURE! DISCOVERING SOMETHING DELICIOUS IS ALSO INTERESTING.
THAT'S THE KIND OF WORK I RISK MY LIFE FOR.


SECOND TEST OF THE SECOND PHASE.
MENCHI'S MENU:
42 APPLICANTS PASSED.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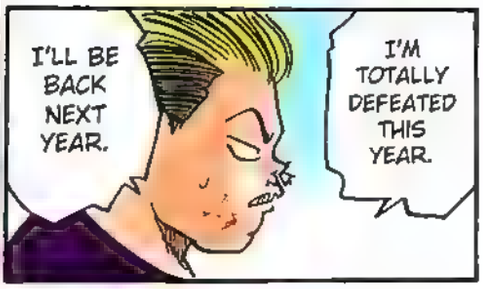
I'LL BE BACK NEXT YEAR.
I'M TOTALLY DEFEATED THIS YEAR.

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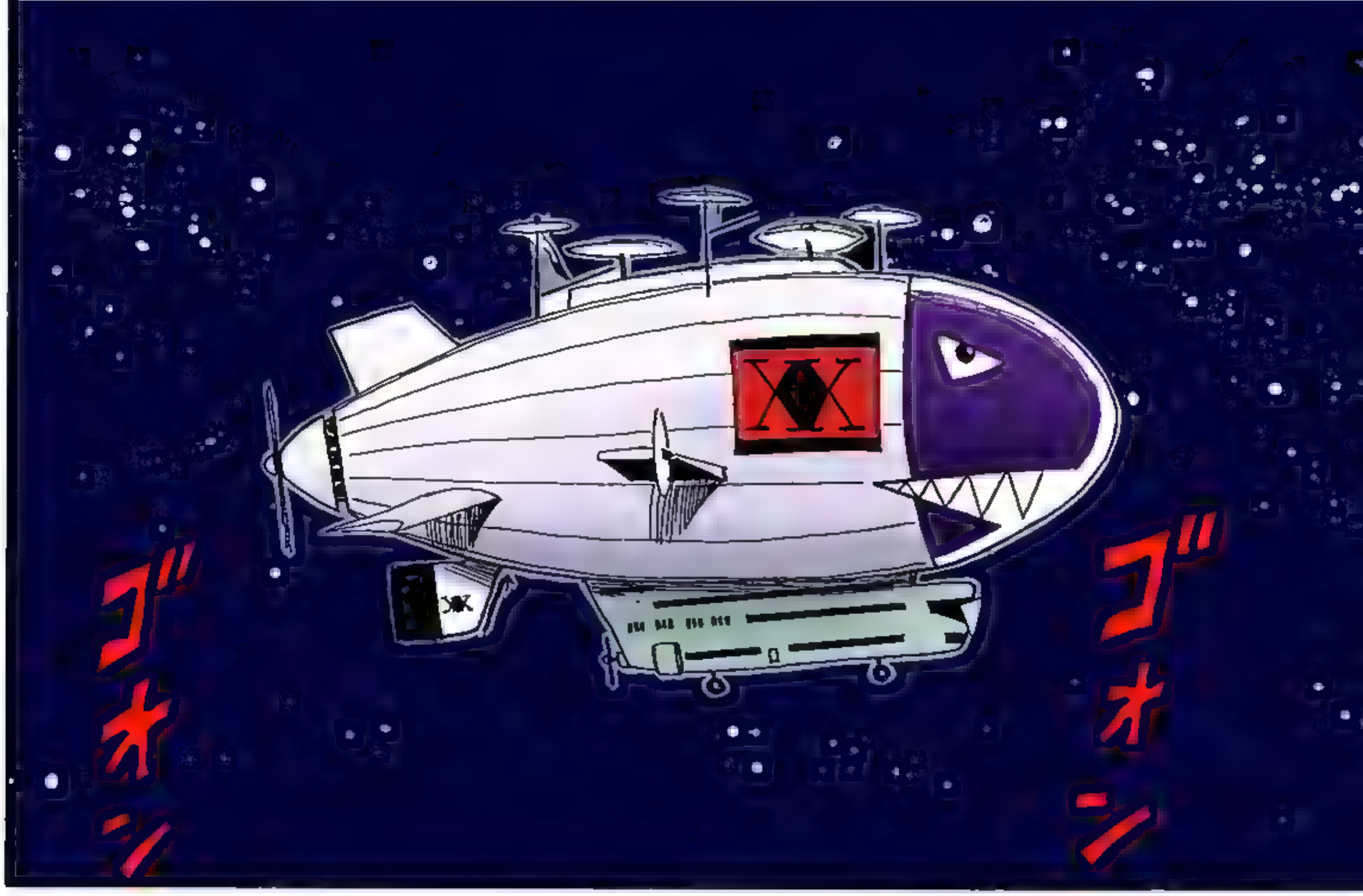
A GAME AT MIDNIGHT: PART 1

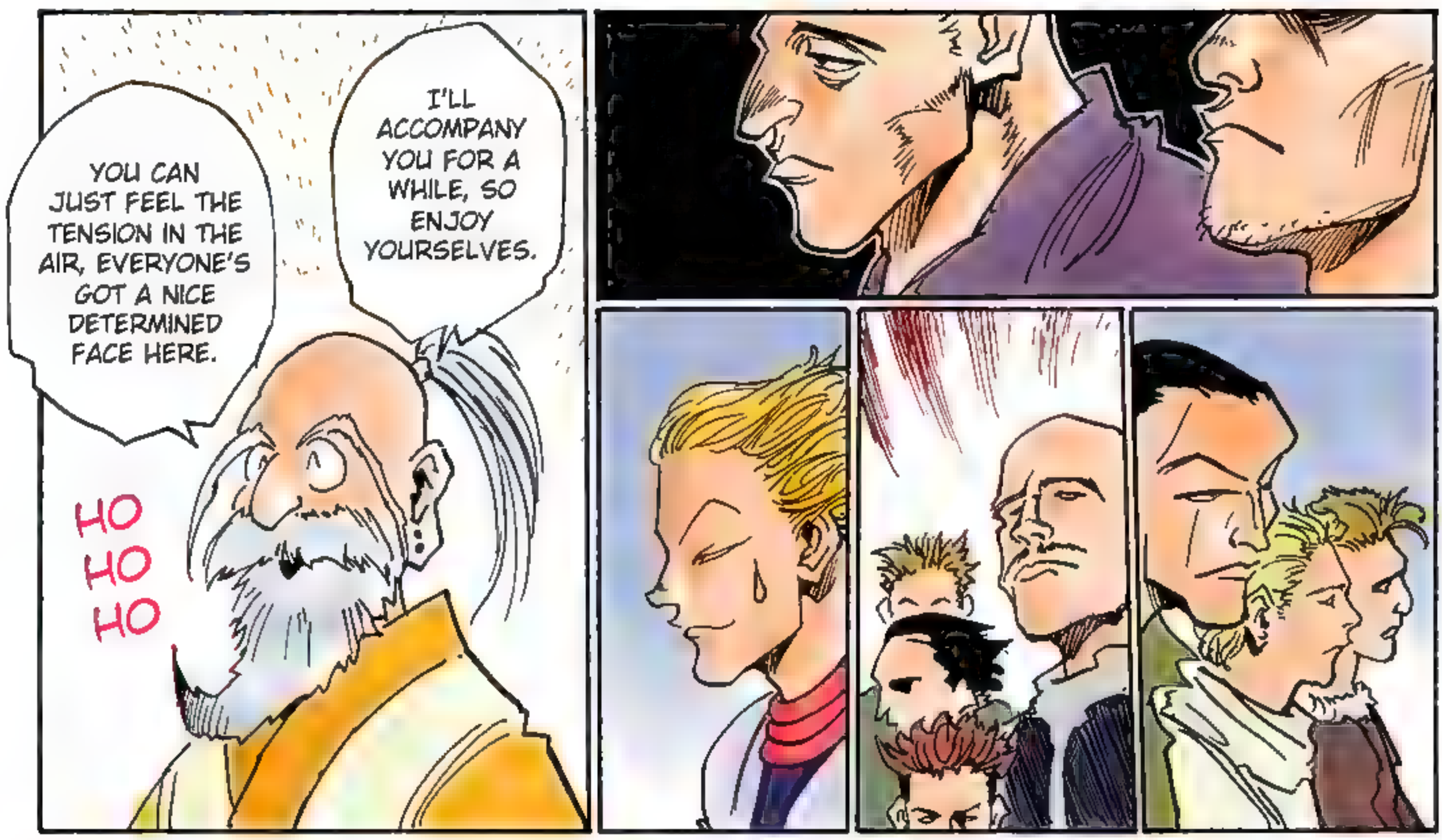



I AM NETERO, CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS YEAR'S HUNTER EXAM.

ALLOW ME TO PROPERLY INTRODUCE MYSELF TO THE 42 REMAINING APPLICANTS.

BUT SINCE I AM ALREADY HERE...

ORIGINALLY, I HAD PLANNED TO MAKE MY APPEARANCE DURING THE FINAL PHASE.


YOU CAN JUST FEEL THE TENSION IN THE AIR, EVERYONE'S GOT A NICE DETERMINED FACE HERE.
I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU FOR A WHILE, SO ENJOY YOURSELVES.
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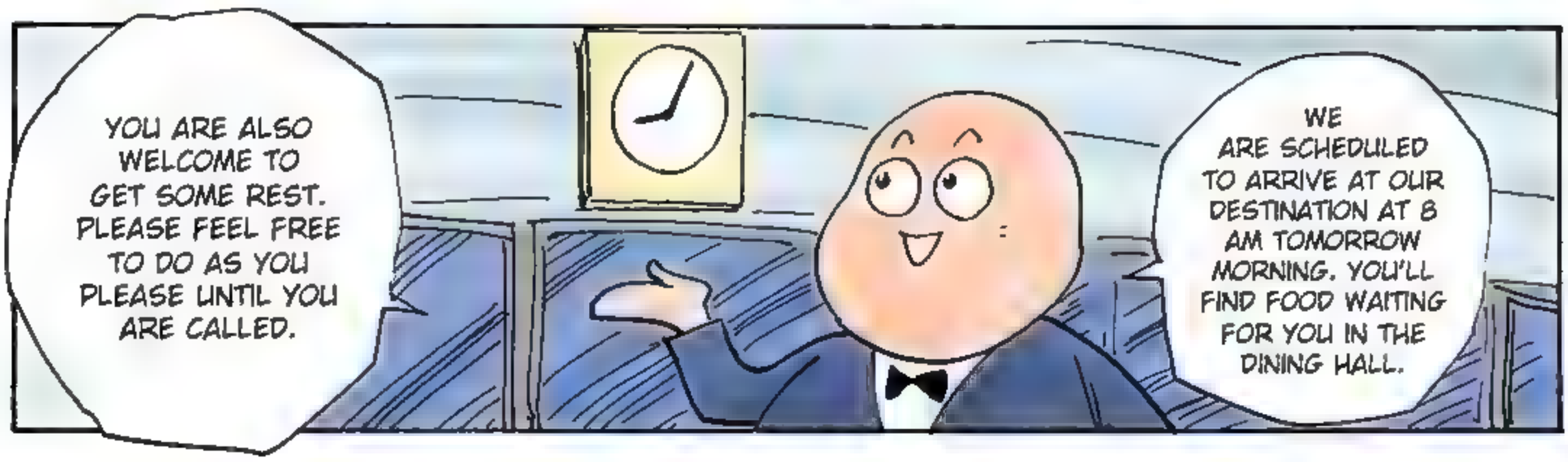
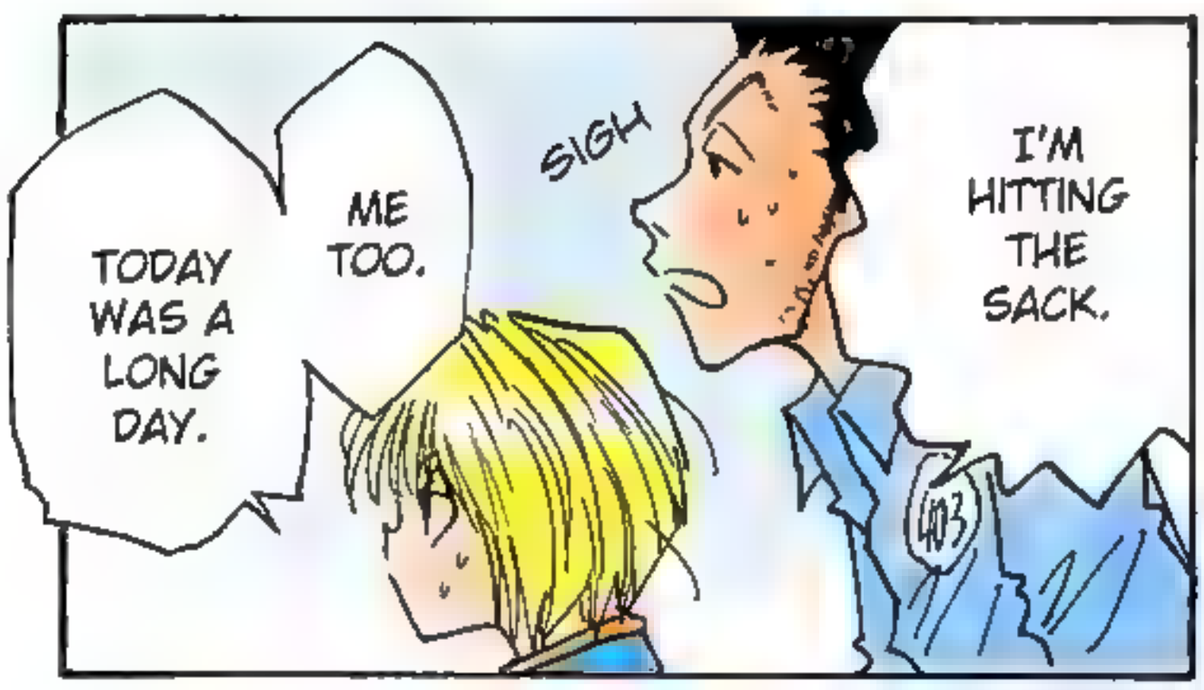
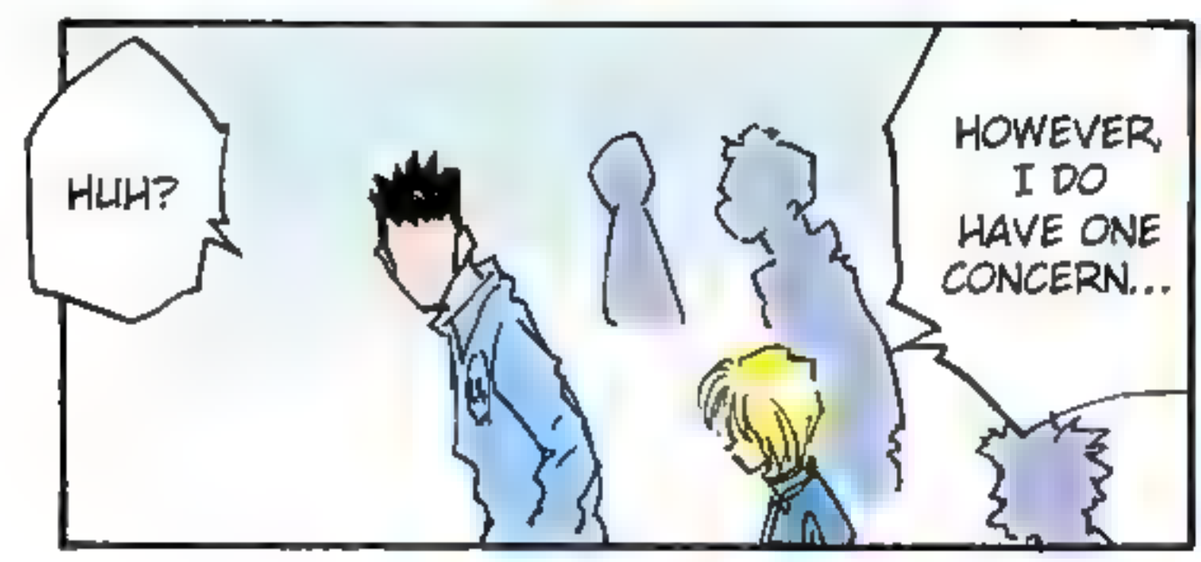
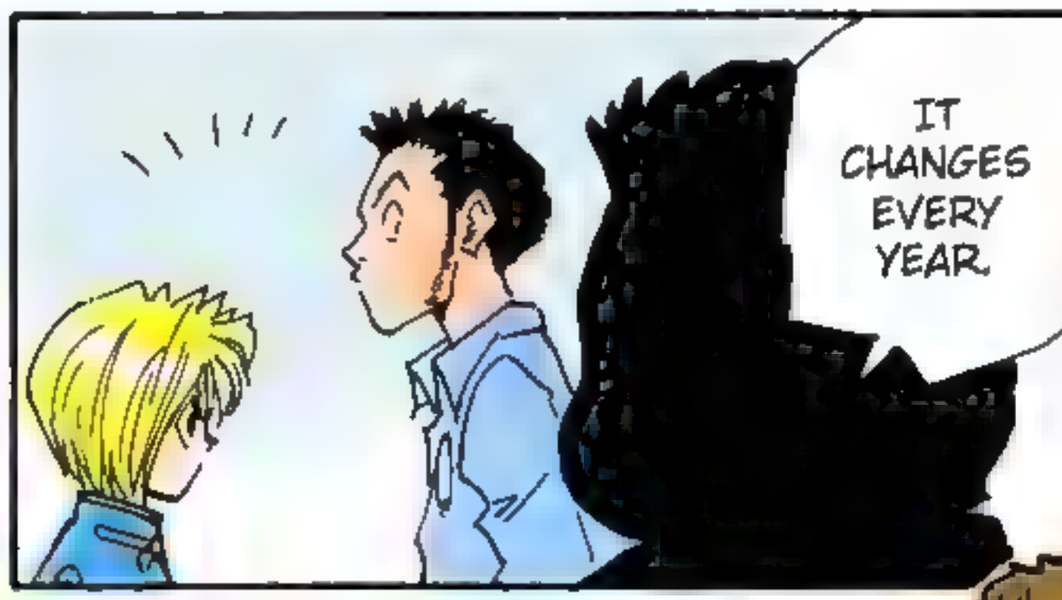
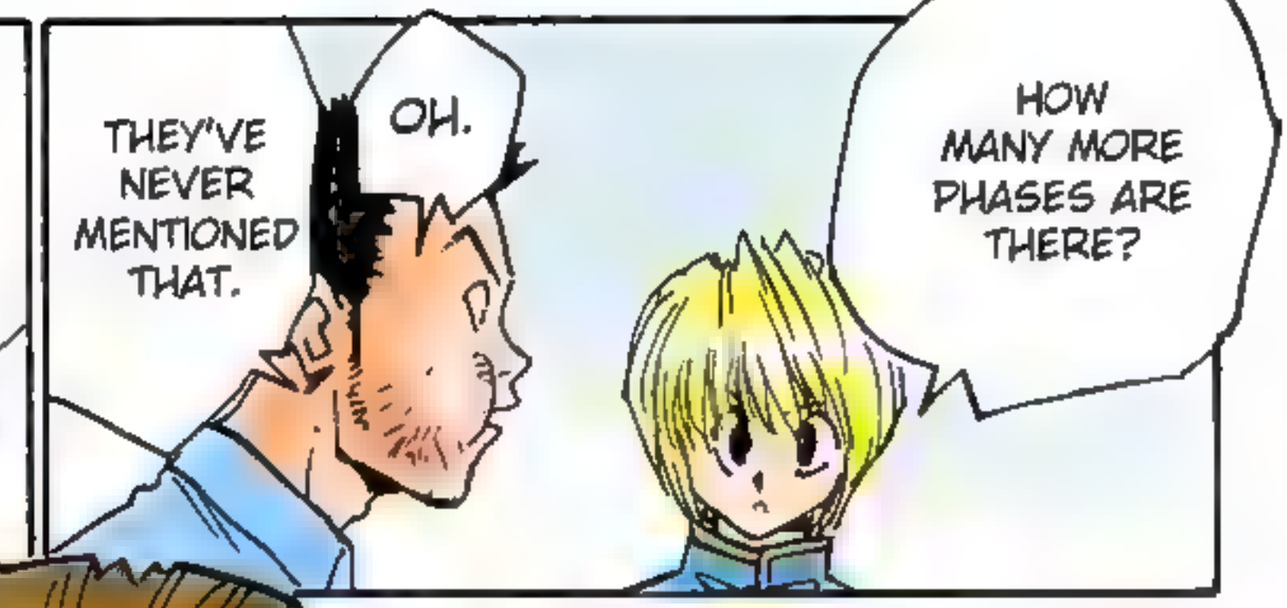

YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO GET SOME REST. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO AS YOU PLEASE UNTIL YOU ARE CALLED.
WE ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT OUR DESTINATION AT 8 AM TOMORROW MORNING. YOU'LL FIND FOOD WAITING FOR YOU IN THE DINING HALL.


TODAY WAS A LONG DAY.
ME TOO.
SIGH
I'M HITTING THE SACK.

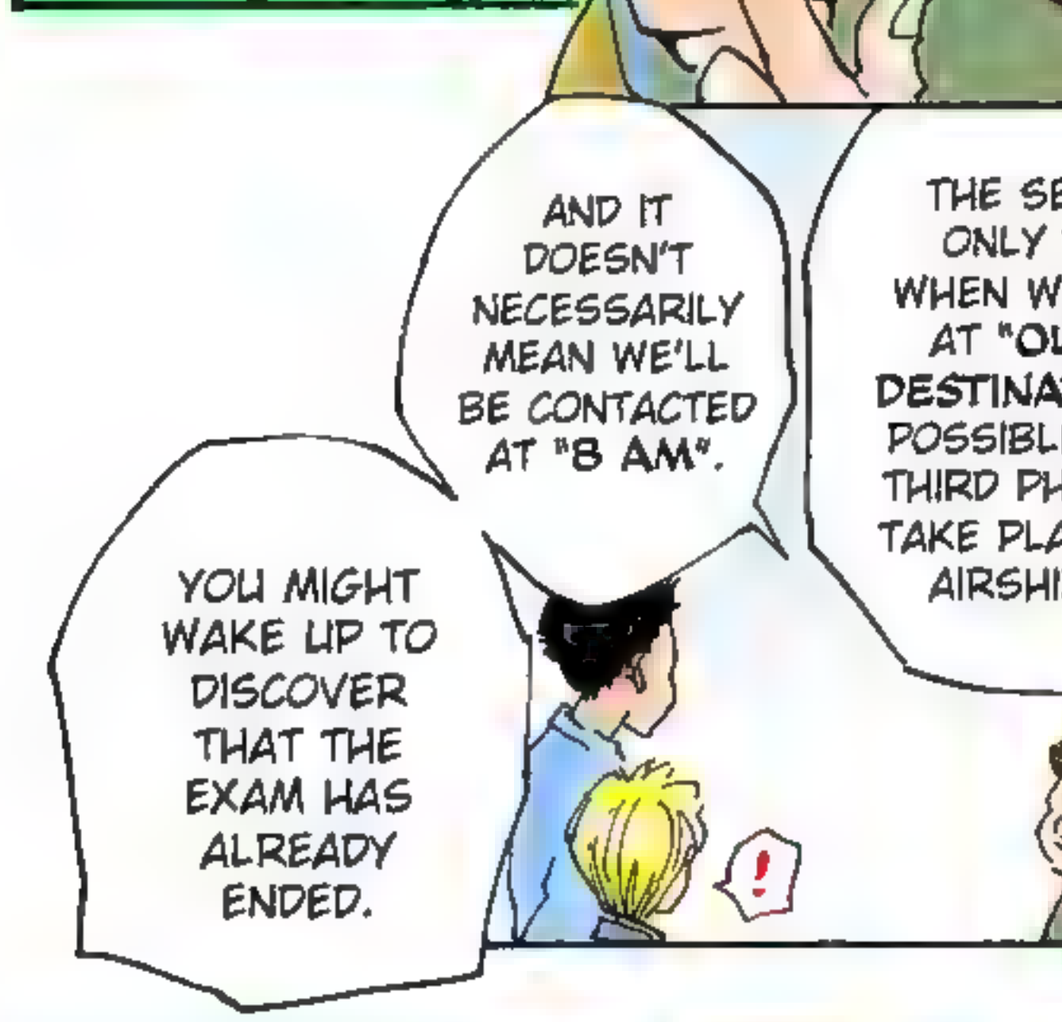
HOW CAN THEY HAVE SO MUCH ENERGY...
YEAH !!
HEY, GON!! LET'S EXPLORE THE AIRSHIP!
PHEW


HUH?
HOWEVER, I DO HAVE ONE CONCERN...


IT CHANGES EVERY YEAR.


THEY'VE NEVER MENTIONED THAT.
OH.
HOW MANY MORE PHASES ARE THERE?


ON AVERAGE, THERE ARE 5 TO 6 PHASES.
THE COMMITTEE USUALLY REARRANGES THE PHASES DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS.


AND IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN WE'LL BE CONTACTED AT "8 AM".
YOU MIGHT WAKE UP TO DISCOVER THAT THE EXAM HAS ALREADY ENDED.
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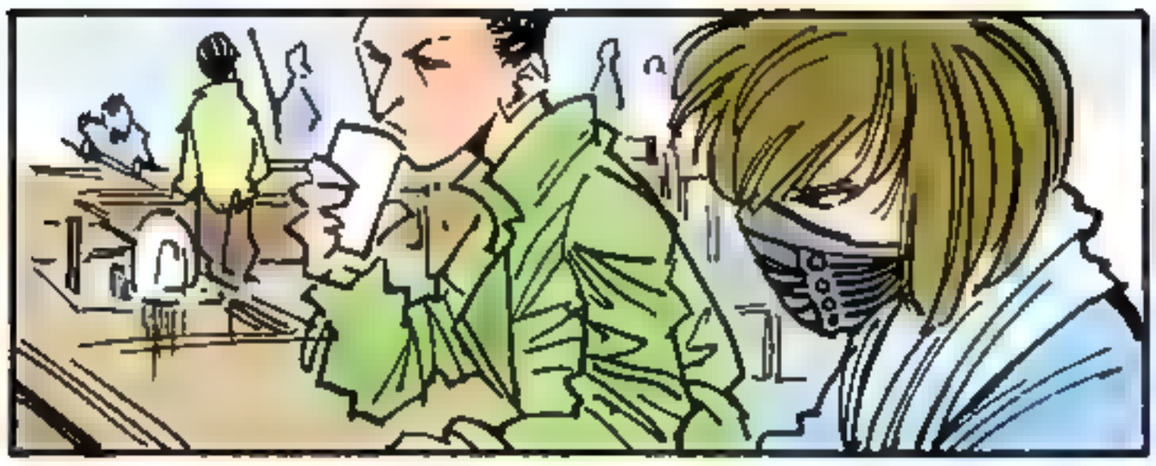
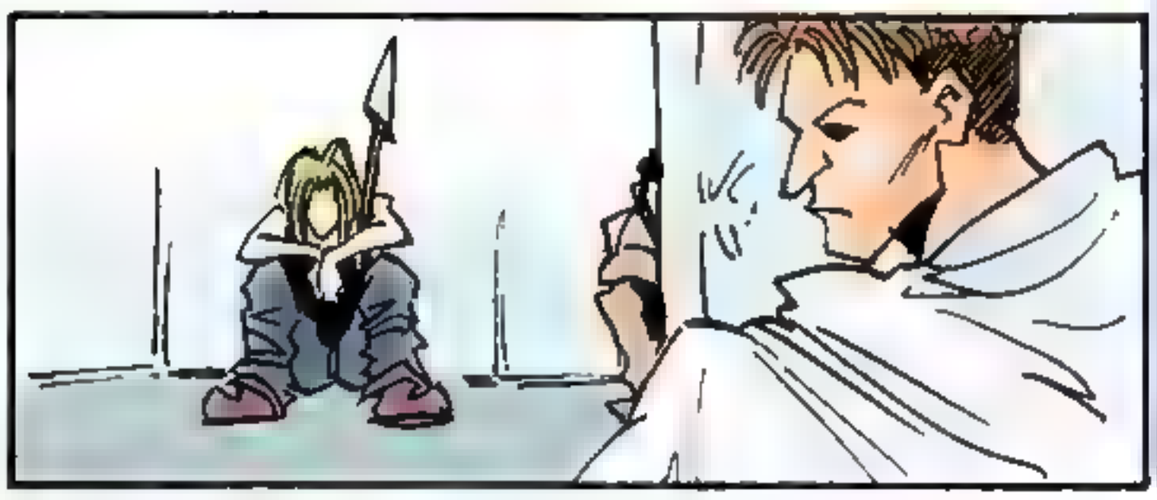
THE SECRETARY ONLY TOLD US WHEN WE'D ARRIVE AT "OUR NEXT DESTINATION". IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE THIRD PHASE COULD TAKE PLACE ON THIS AIRSHIP ITSELF.
THEN YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

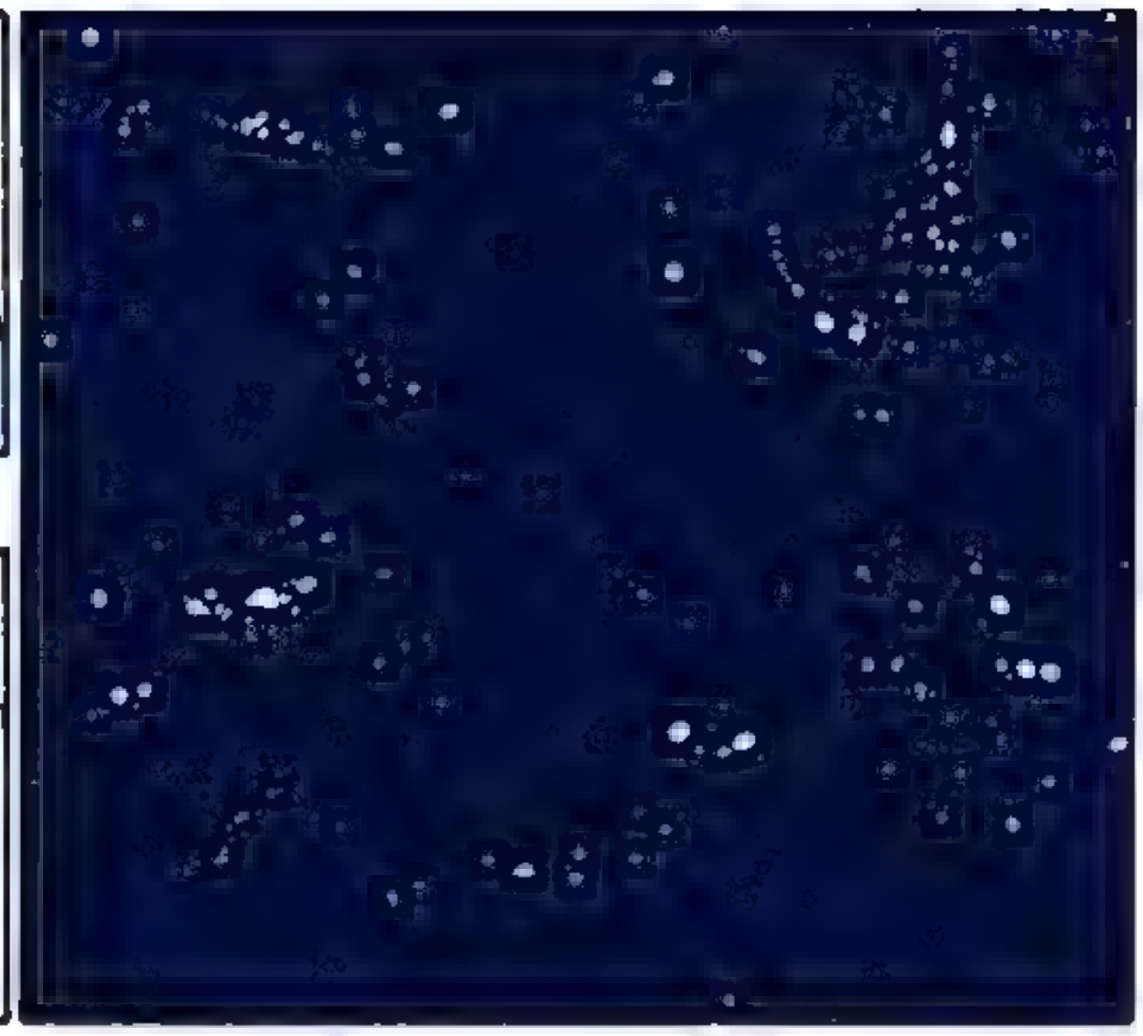
ALL THE MORE REASONS TO REST.
WHICH MEANS WE STILL HAVE 3 TO 4 TO GO.

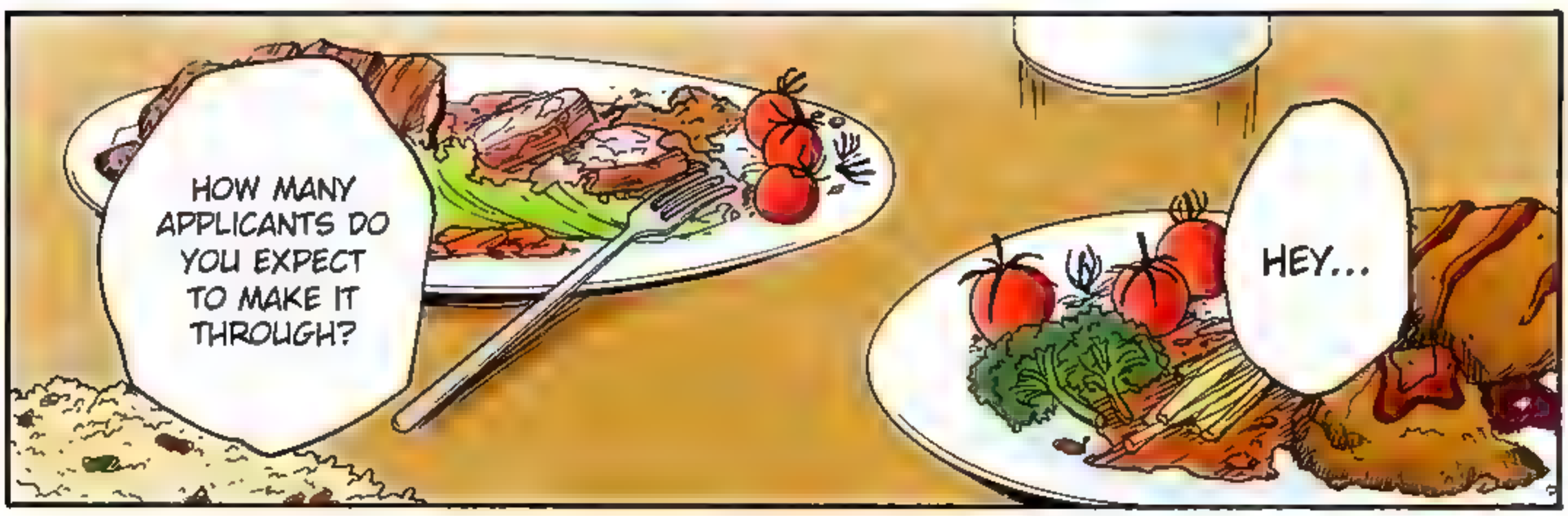
.....
HEH HEH HEH
YEAH RIGHT...
HERE'S HOPING THAT YOU'RE BOTH NERVOUS WRECKS IN THE MORNING.

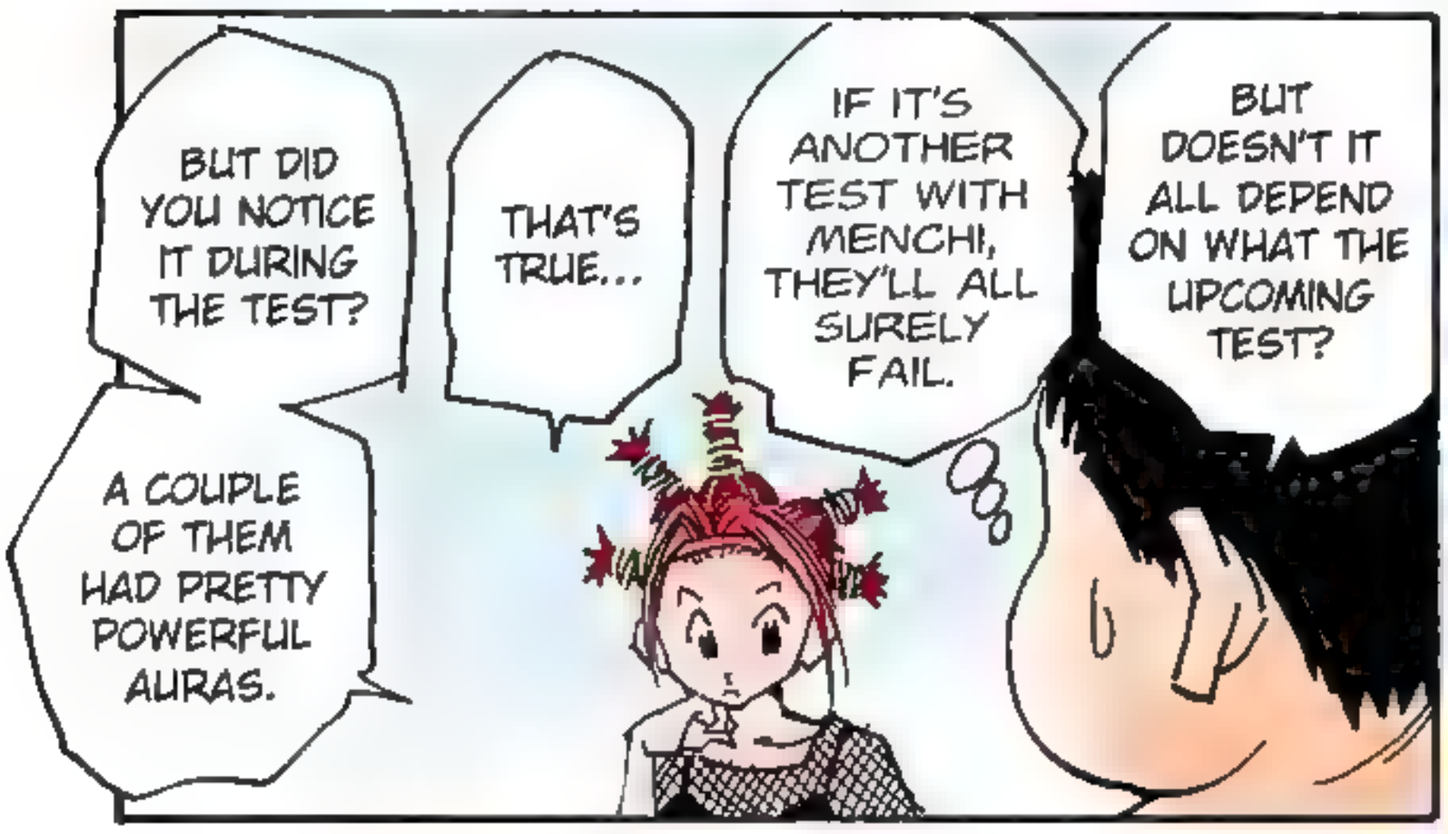
IF YOU PLAN TO MAKE IT TO THE NEXT PHASE...
...DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN EVEN ON THIS AIRSHIP.



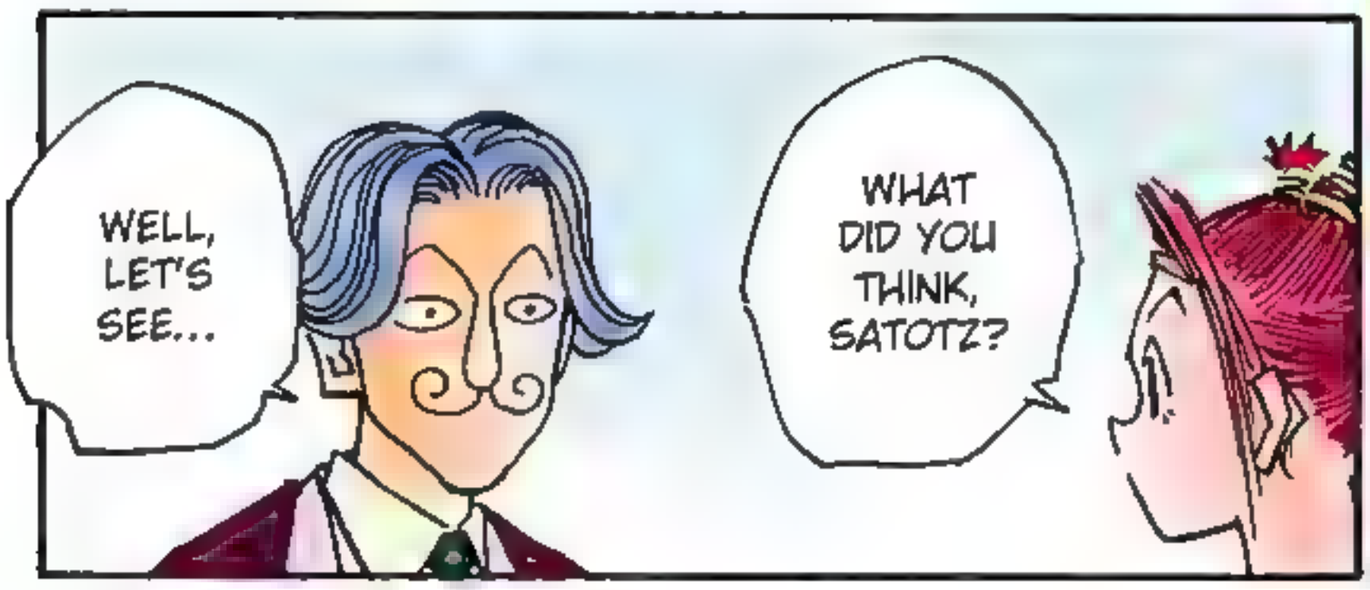




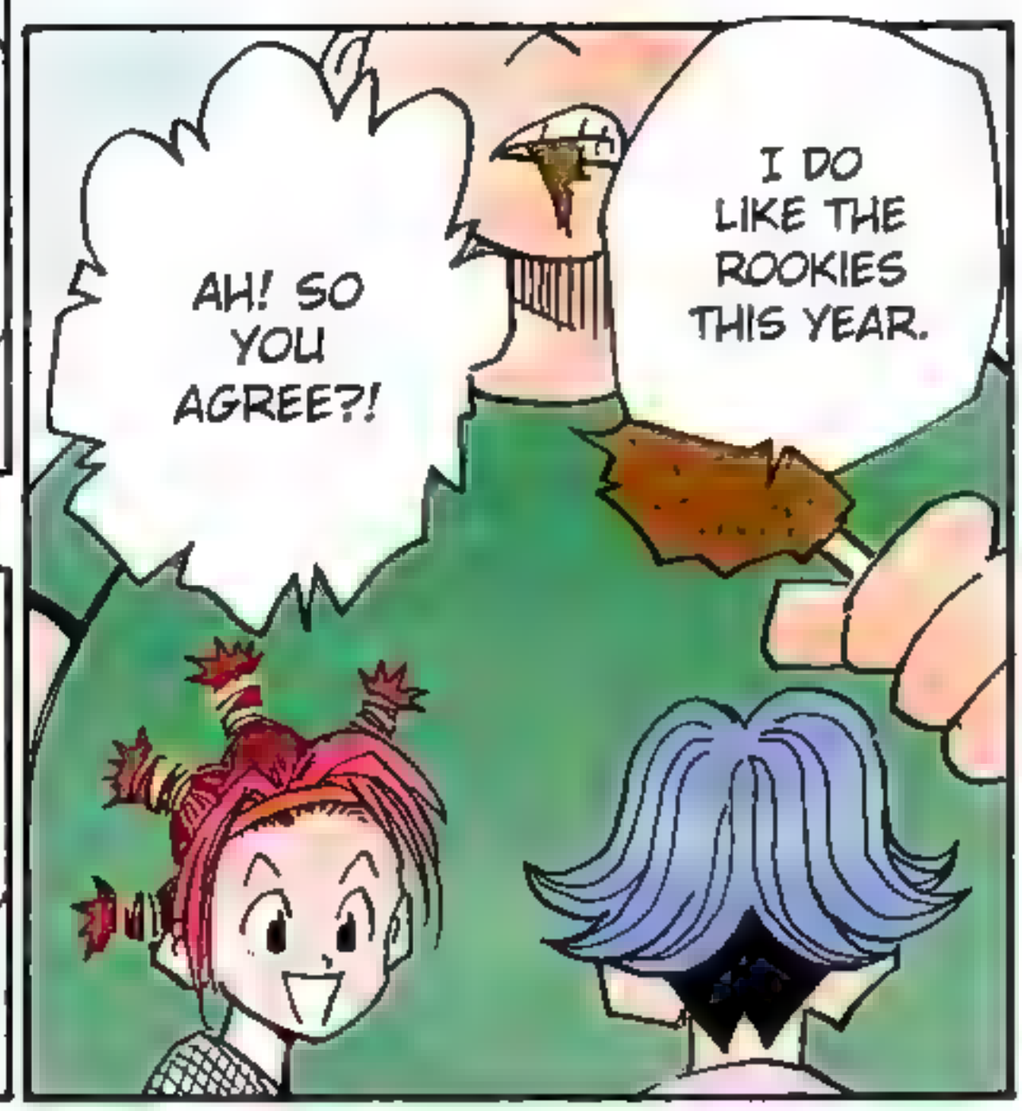

HOW MANY APPLICANTS DO YOU EXPECT TO MAKE IT THROUGH?
HEY...

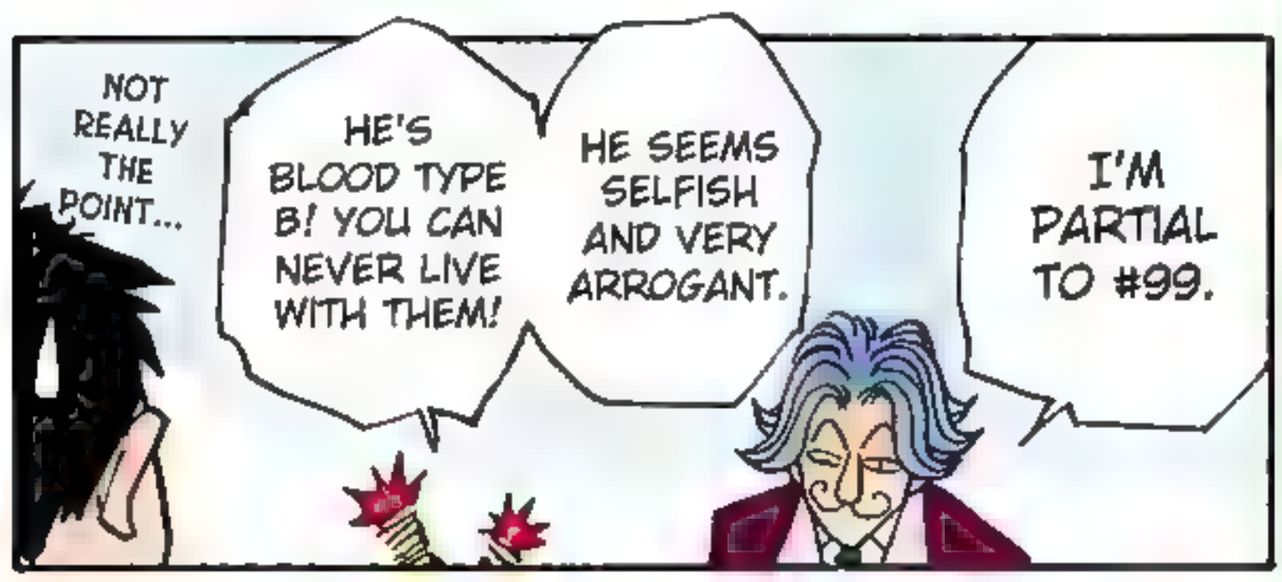

BUT DID YOU NOTICE IT DURING THE TEST?
A COUPLE OF THEM HAD PRETTY POWERFUL AURAS.
THAT'S TRUE...
IF IT'S ANOTHER TEST WITH MENCHI, THEY'LL ALL SURELY FAIL.
BUT DOESN'T IT ALL DEPEND ON WHAT THE UPCOMING TEST?

YEP.
YOU MEAN PASS THE EXAM?
WE HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP THIS YEAR.
EVEN THOUGH I DID FAIL THEM ALL AT ONE POINT.

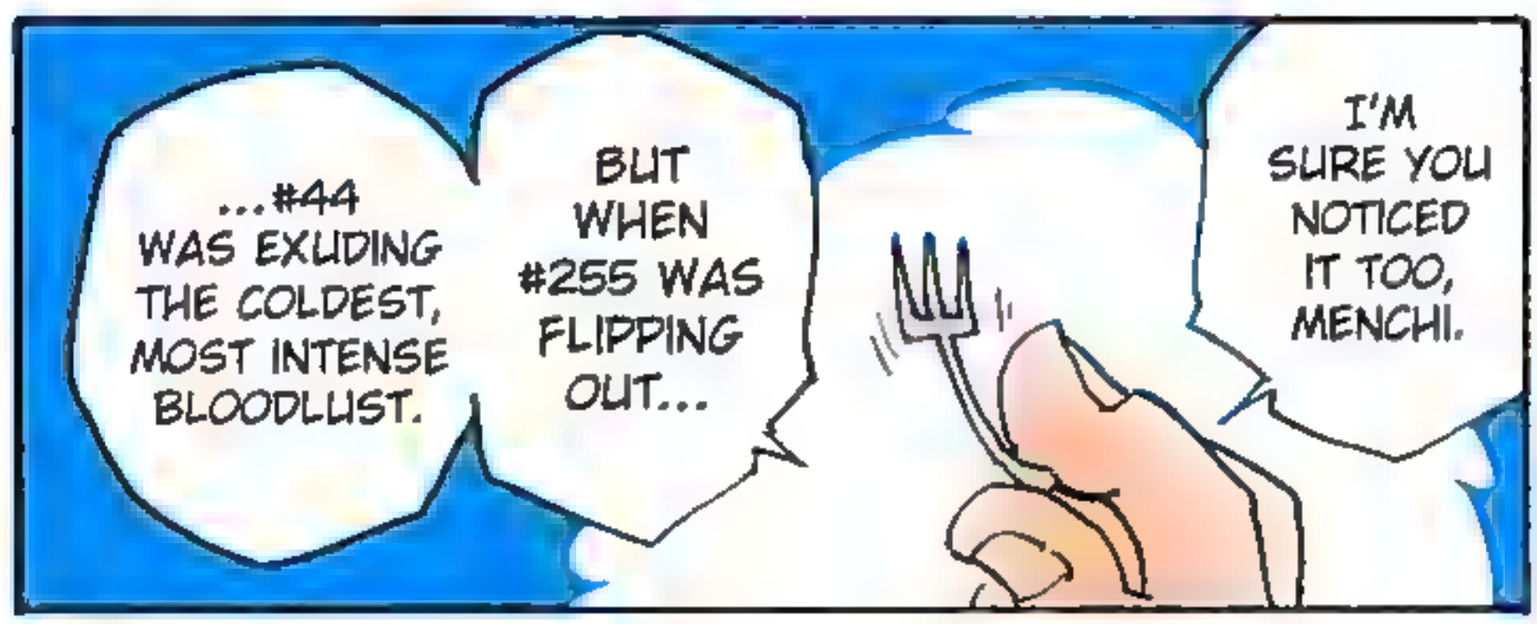

WELL, LET'S SEE...
WHAT DID YOU THINK, SATOTZ?

HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW THE DISH.
I THINK #294 HAS A GOOD SHOT.


AH! SO YOU AGREE?!
I DO LIKE THE ROOKIES THIS YEAR.


NOT REALLY THE POINT...
HE'S BLOOD TYPE B! YOU CAN NEVER LIVE WITH THEM!
HE SEEMS SELFISH AND VERY ARROGANT.
I'M PARTIAL TO #99.

LET ME THINK. HE REALLY ISN'T A ROOKIE...
WELL...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, BUHARA?


...#44 WAS EXUDING THE COLDEST, MOST INTENSE BLOODLUST.
BUT WHEN #255 WAS FLIPPING OUT...
I'M SURE YOU NOTICED IT TOO, MENCHI.

BUT #44 IS THE ONE I THINK WILL MAKE IT...
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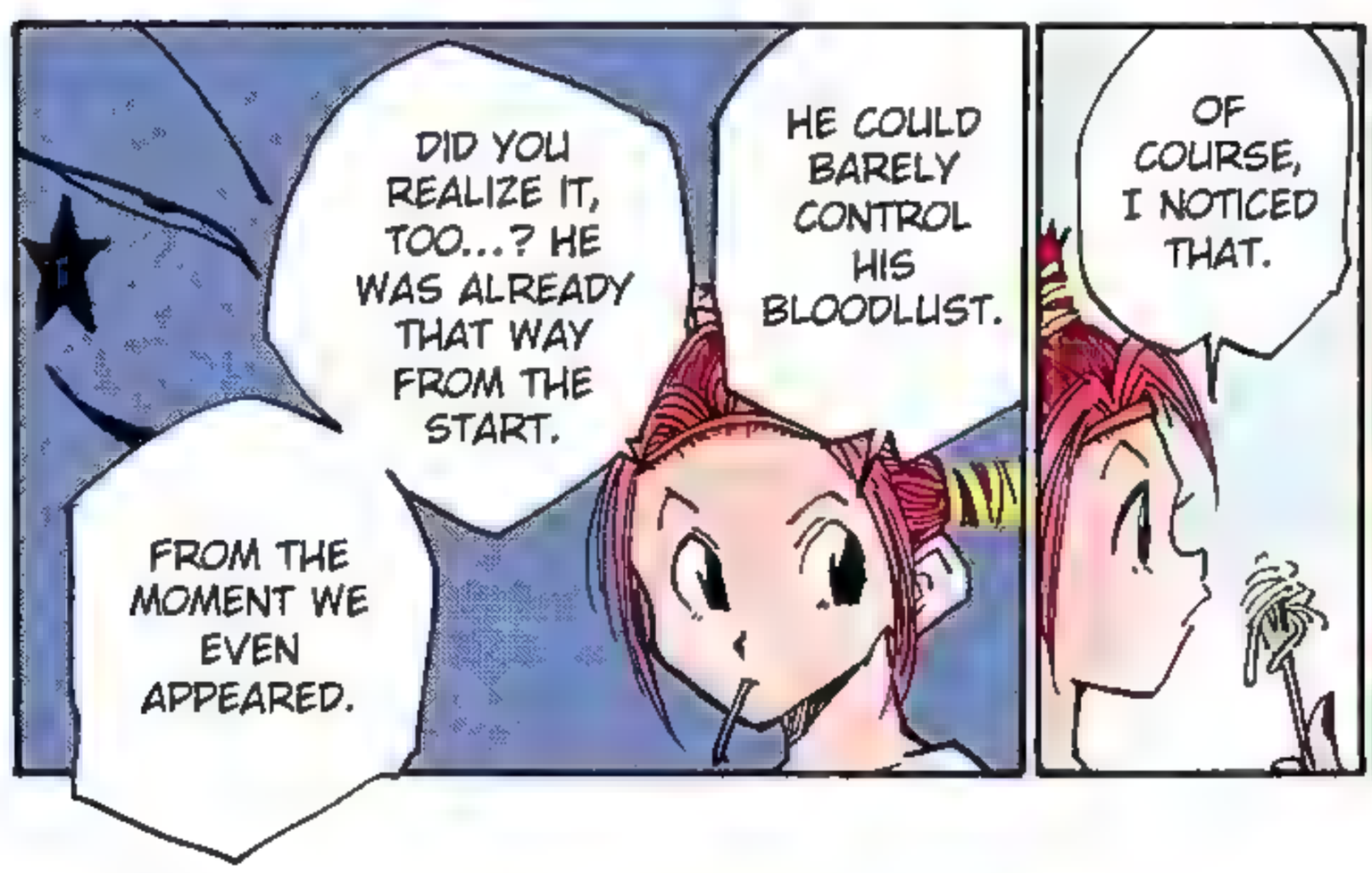
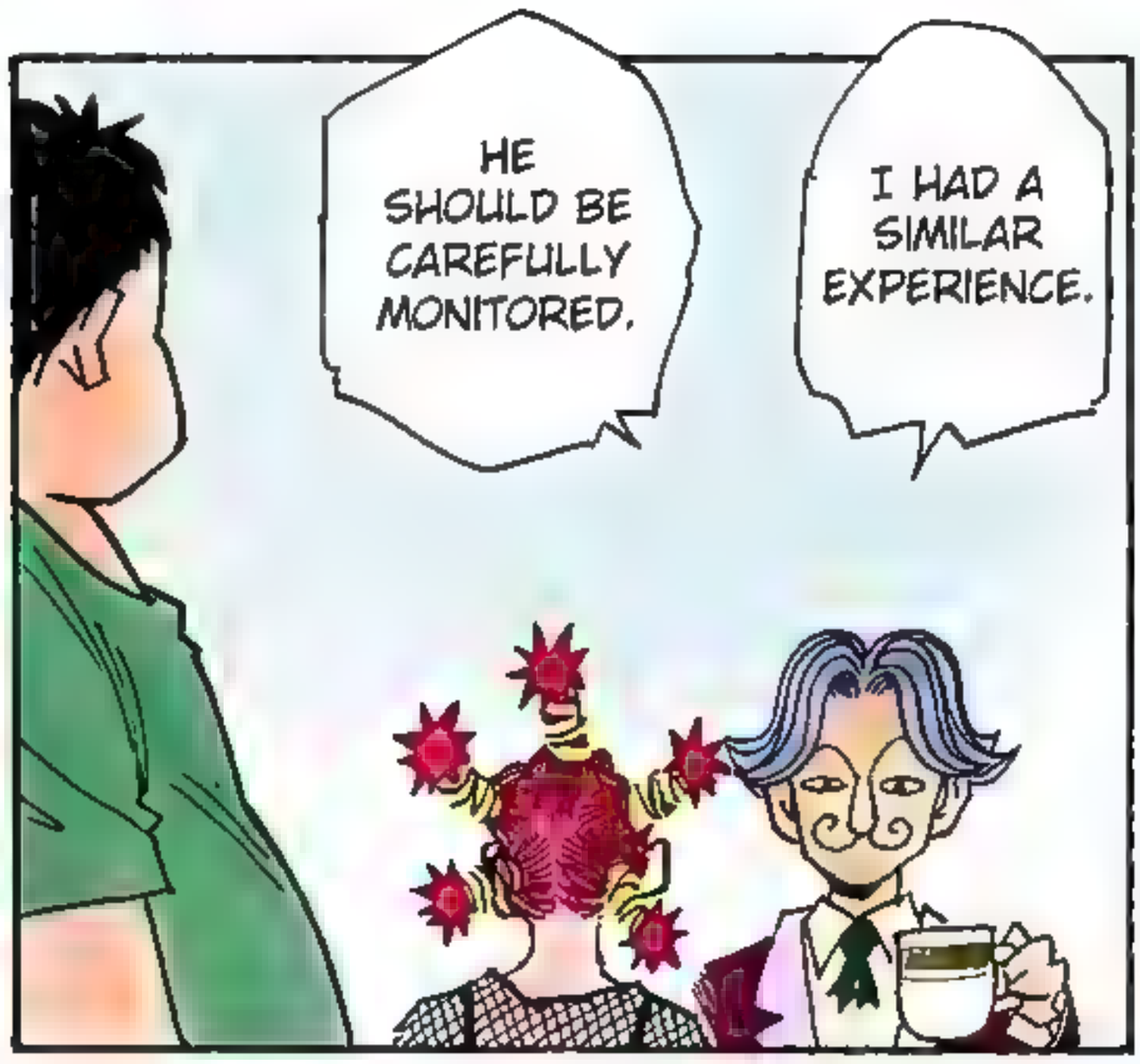
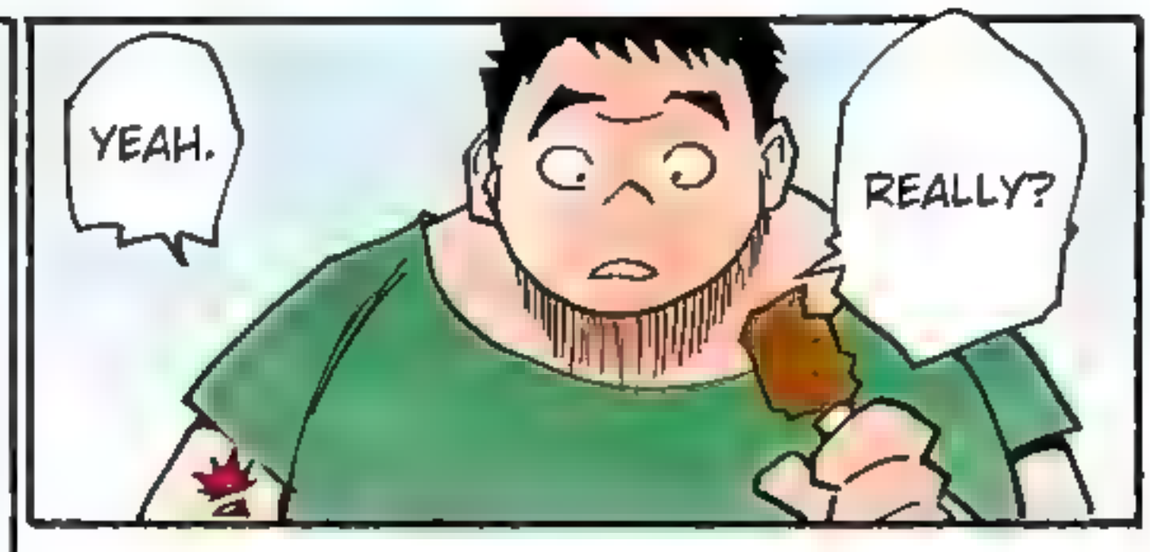
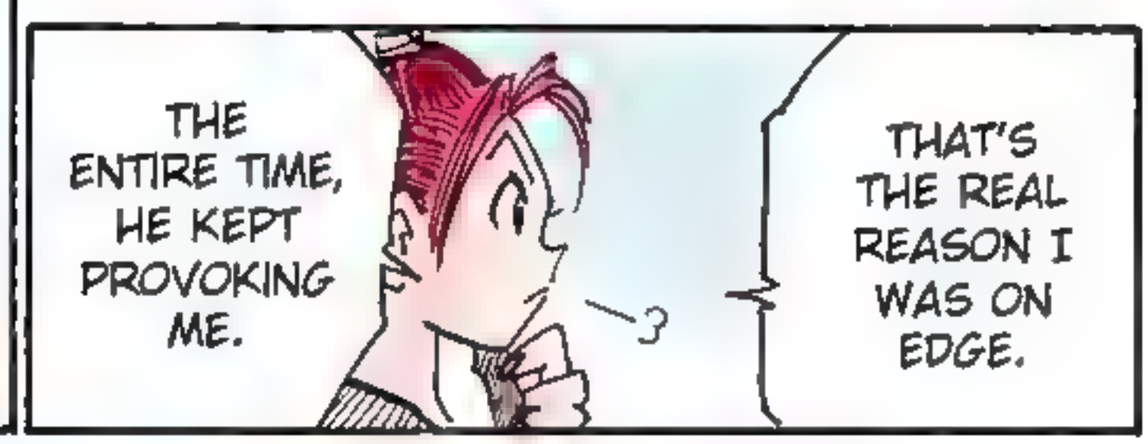

DID YOU REALIZE IT, TOO...? HE WAS ALREADY THAT WAY FROM THE START.
HE COULD BARELY CONTROL HIS BLOODLUST.
FROM THE MOMENT WE EVEN APPEARED.


OF COURSE, I NOTICED THAT.

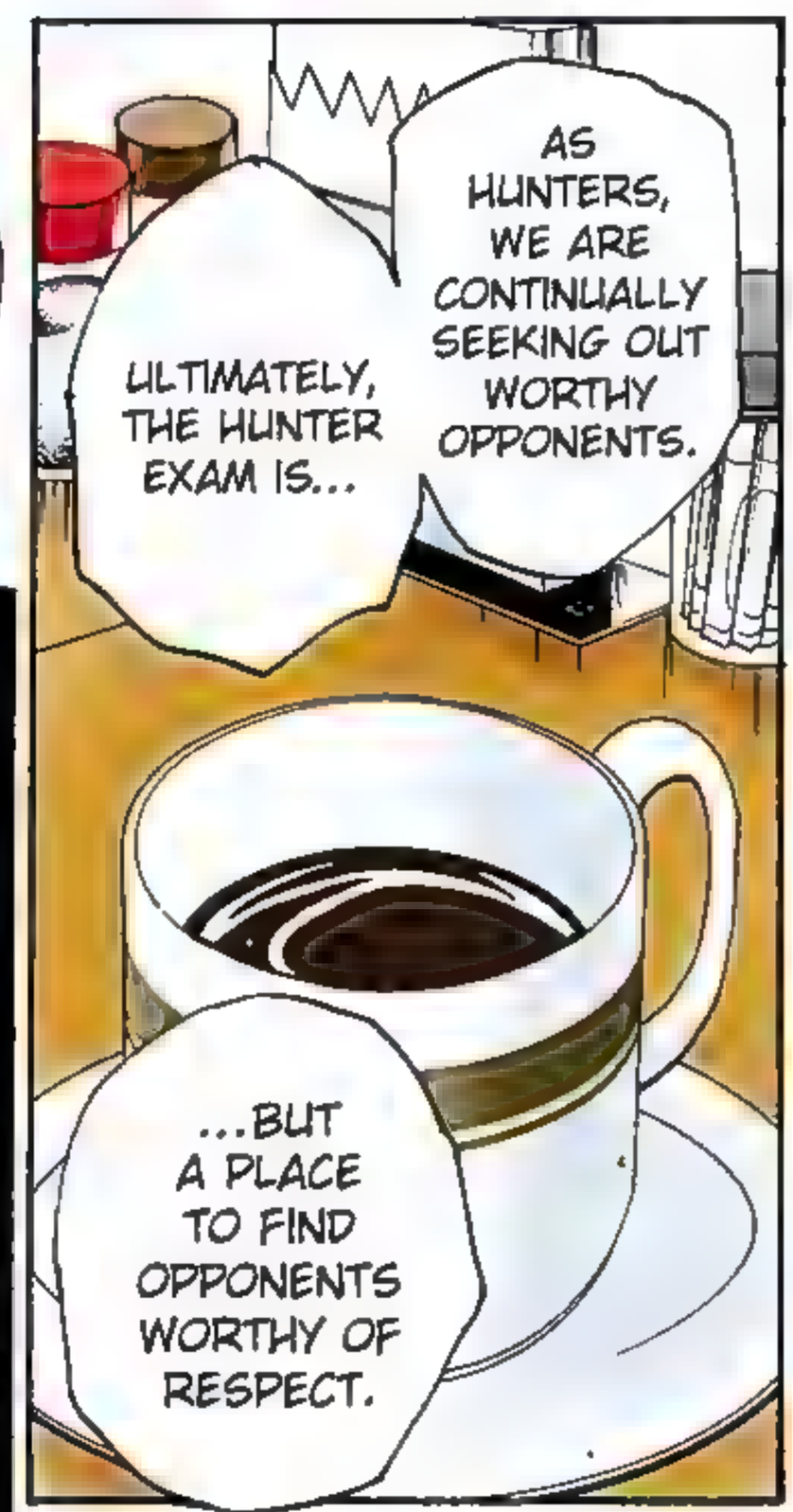

HE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY MONITORED.
I HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE.

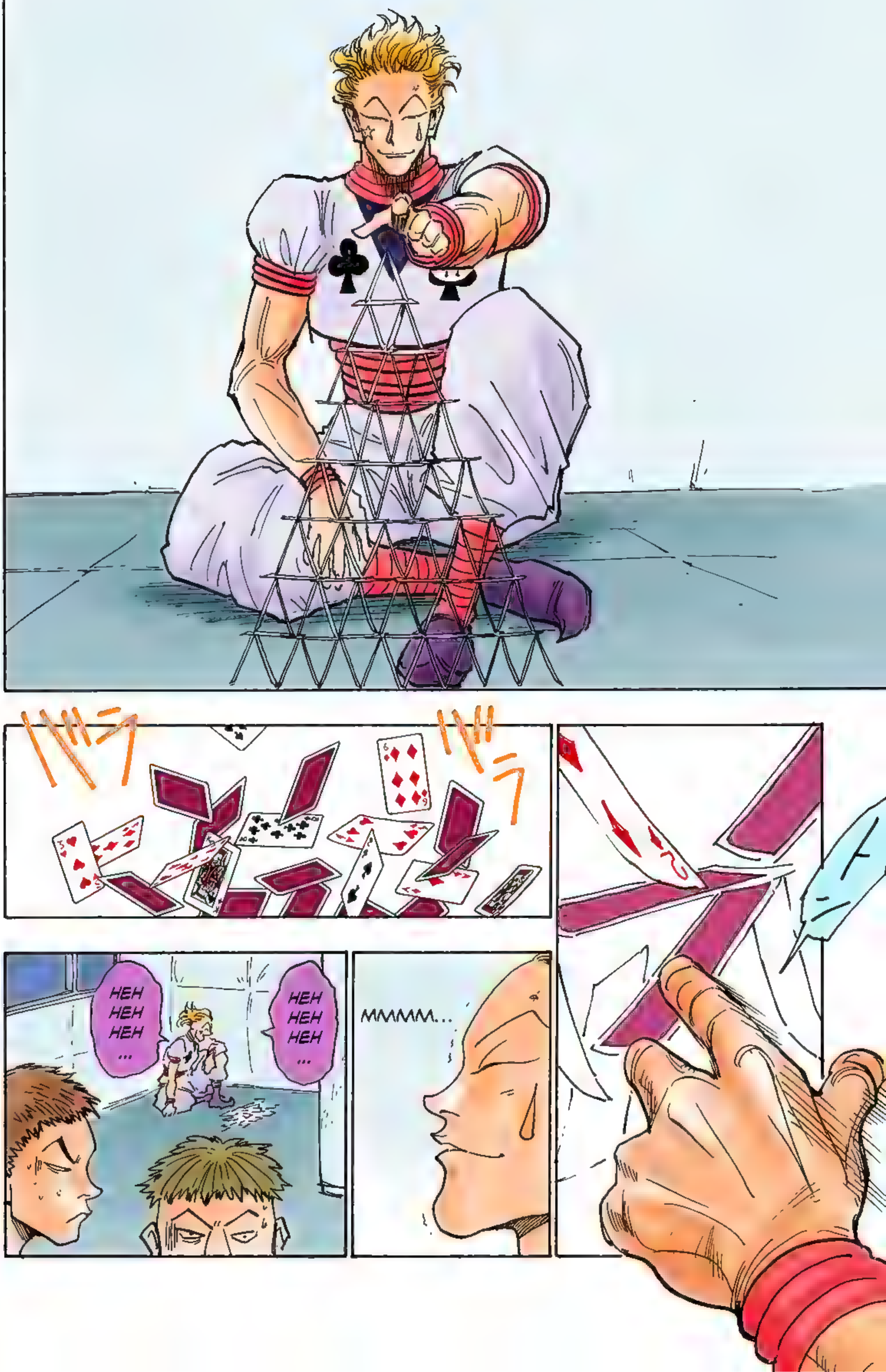

YEAH.
REALLY?


THE ENTIRE TIME, HE KEPT PROVOKING ME.
THAT'S THE REAL REASON I WAS ON EDGE.

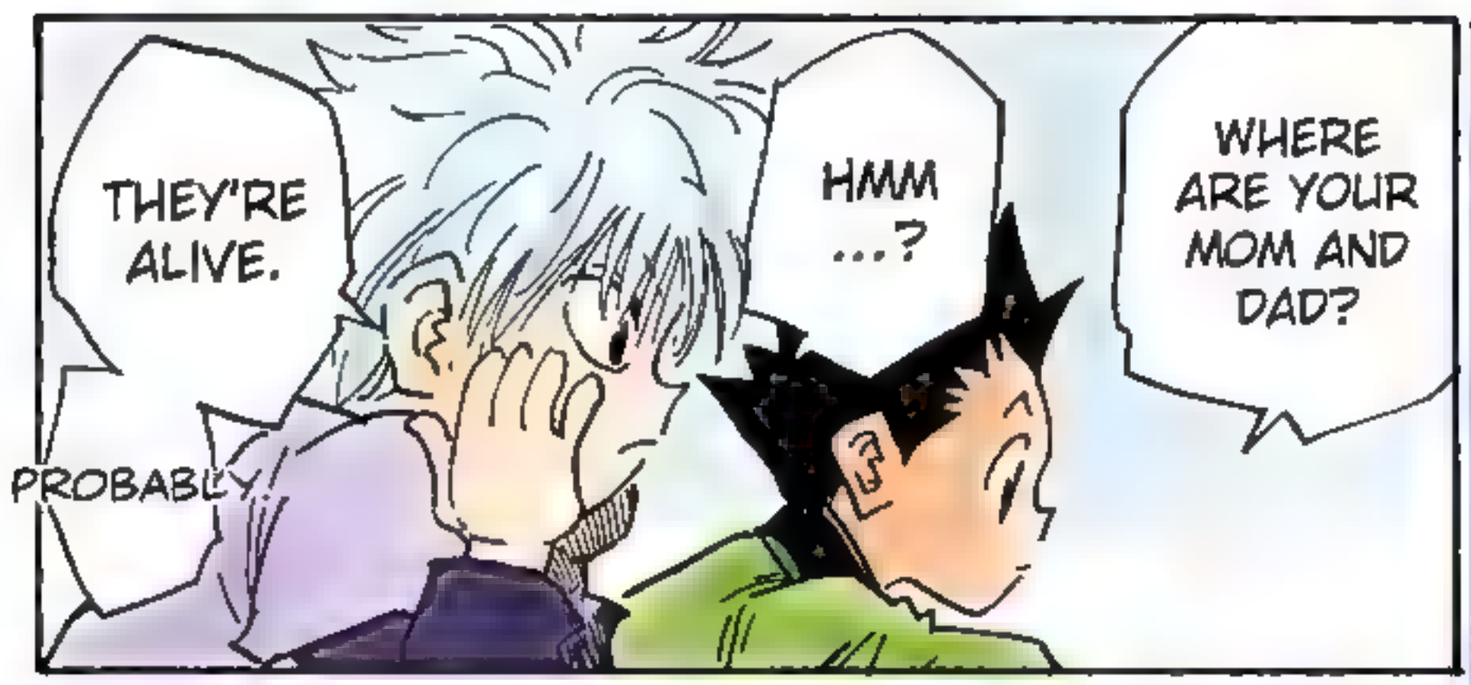
HOWEVER, HIS AFFINITY FOR DARKNESS IS FAR STRONGER.
THOUGH IT PAINS ME TO ADMIT THIS, WE ARE BIRDS OF A FEATHER WITH HIM.

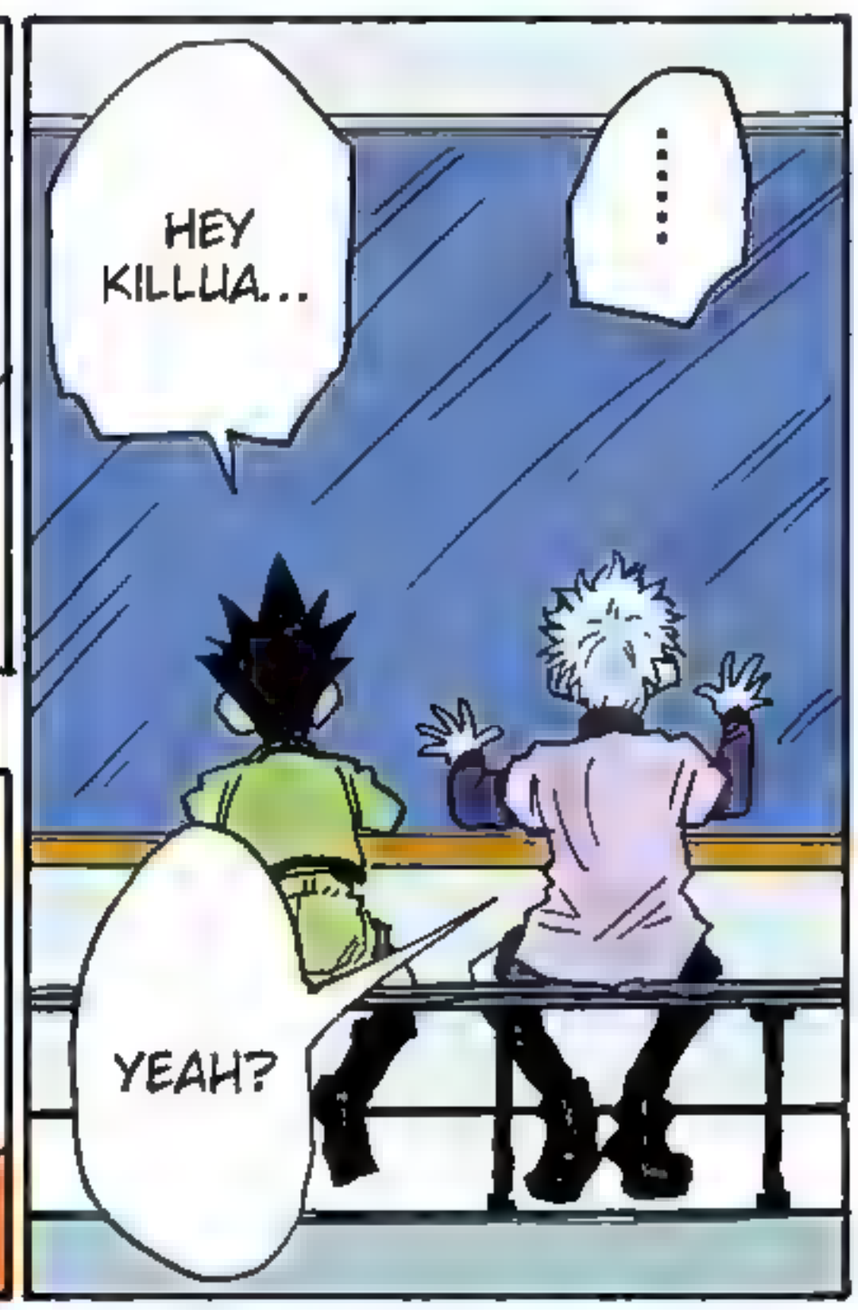
...WHEN WE WOULD EVEN STEP ON THE BRAKE. HE IS A HERETIC AMONG HERETICS.
AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, WE ENCOUNTER SOMEONE WHO SURGES FORWARD WITHOUT HESITATION...

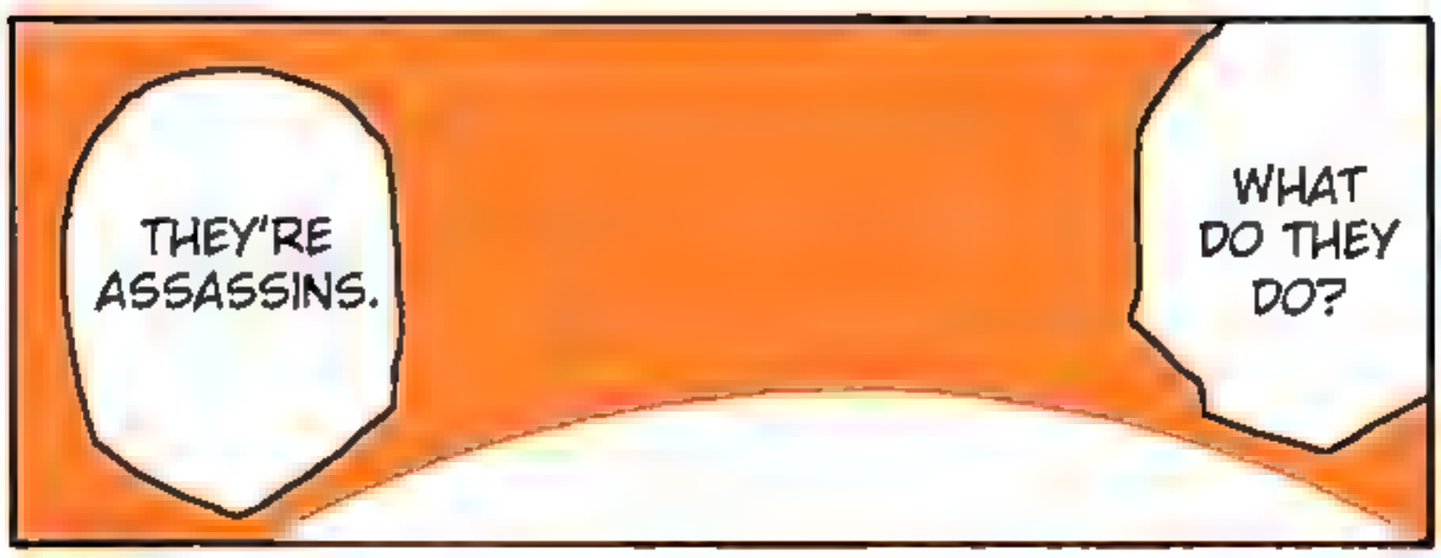

ULTIMATELY, THE HUNTER EXAM IS...
AS HUNTERS, WE ARE CONTINUALLY SEEKING OUT WORTHY OPPONENTS.
...BUT A PLACE TO FIND OPPONENTS WORTHY OF RESPECT.

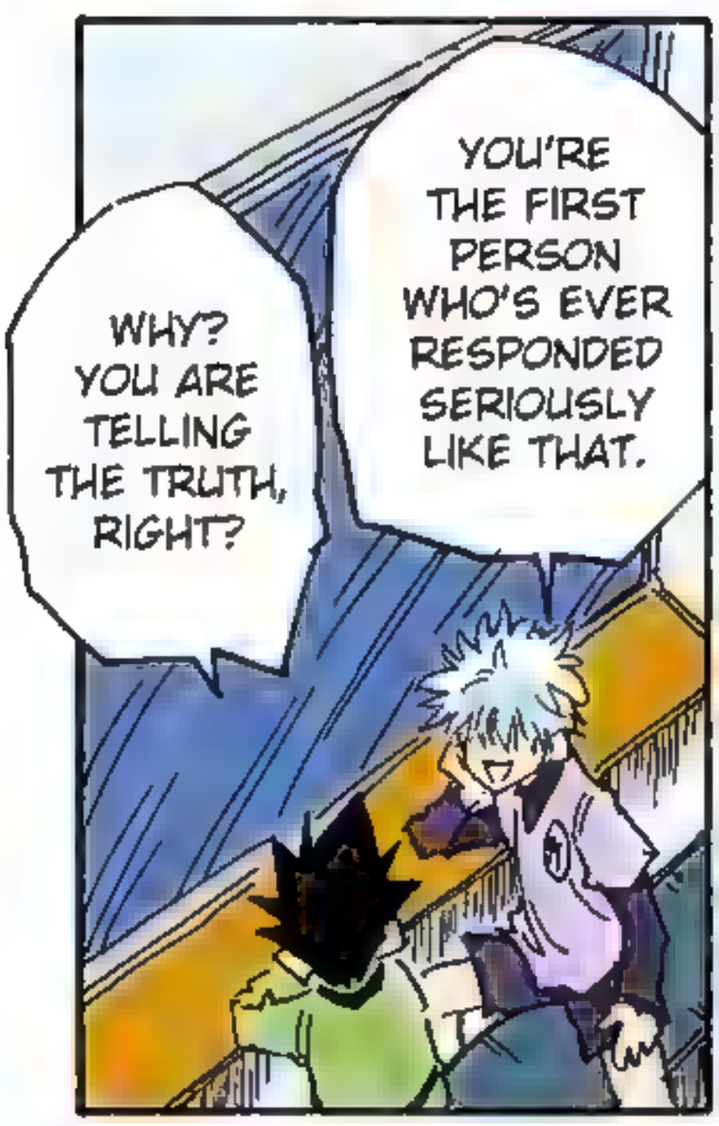

HEH HEH HEH ...
HEH HEH HEH ...
MMMM...

IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY'RE JEWELS!
WHOOA!


THEY'RE ALIVE.
PROBABLY.
HMM ...?
WHERE ARE YOUR MOM AND DAD?


HEY KILLUA...
.....
YEAH?


THEY'RE ASSASSINS.
WHAT DO THEY DO?


WHY? YOU ARE TELLING THE TRUTH, RIGHT?
YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WHO'S EVER RESPONDED SERIOUSLY LIKE THAT.

YOU REALLY ARE A RIOT!
HA HA HA HA
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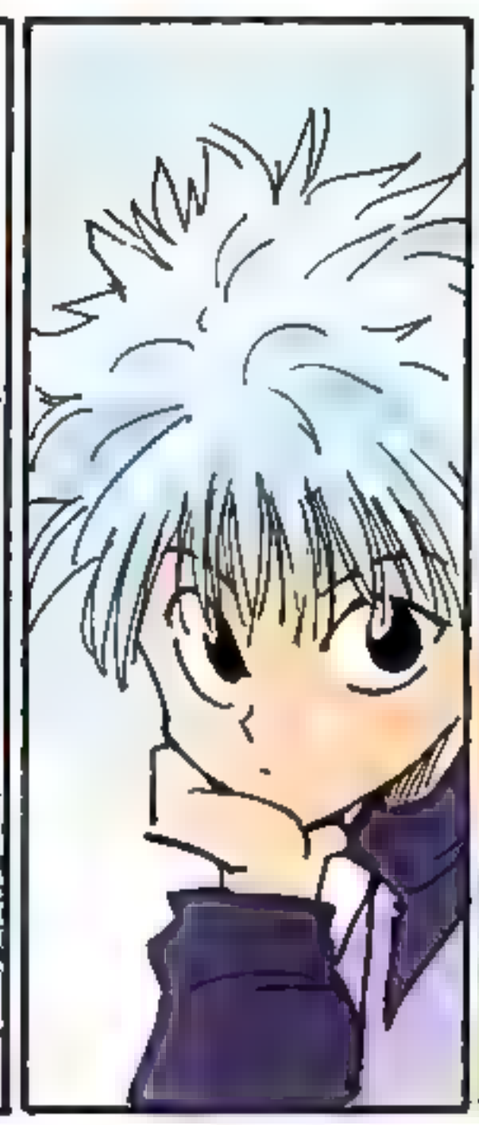
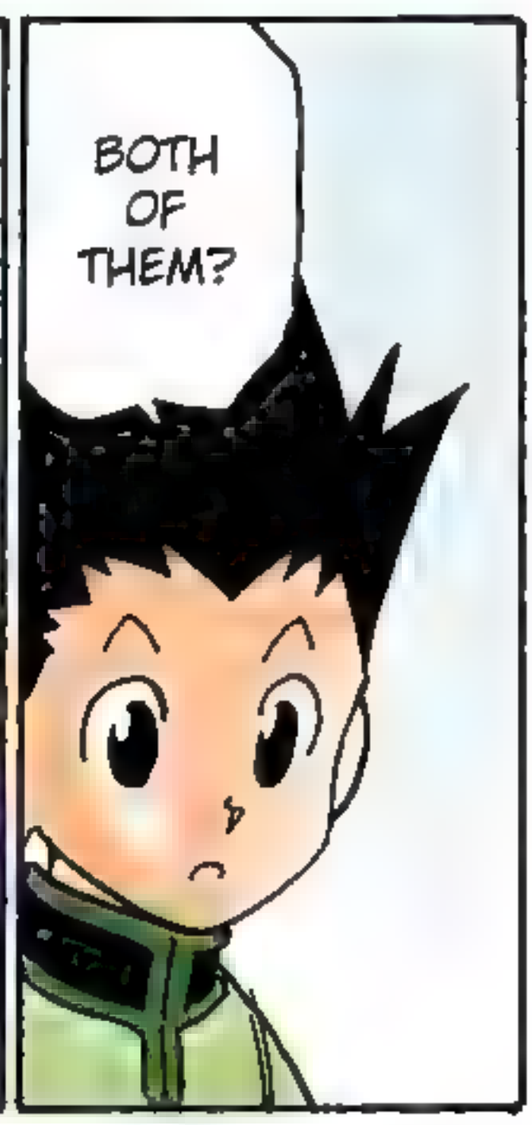



BOTH OF THEM?

I'M FROM A FAMILY OF ASSASSINS.

THEY'RE ALL ASSASSINS.

THAT'S WEIRD... PART OF MY CHARM COMES FROM NEVER LETTING ON IF I'M SERIOUS OR NOT.

I SEE.

IT'S JUST A HUNCH.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?

BUT I CAN'T STAND IT. WHO WANTS TO HAVE THEIR LIFE PLANNED OUT FOR THEM?

AND MY FAMILY HAS REALLY HIGH HOPES FOR ME...

I'M SURE THEY'RE STIRRED UP RIGHT NOW!!

IF THEY FIND ME, I'LL SEND THEM PACKING!

WE ENDED UP FIGHTING. SO I SLASHED MY MOTHER IN THE FACE. STABBED MY OLDER BROTHER ON THE SIDE AND RAN AWAY FROM HOME!

MY MOM HAD TEARS STREAMING DOWN HER FACE AS SHE TOLD ME I HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE A TOP ASSASSIN.

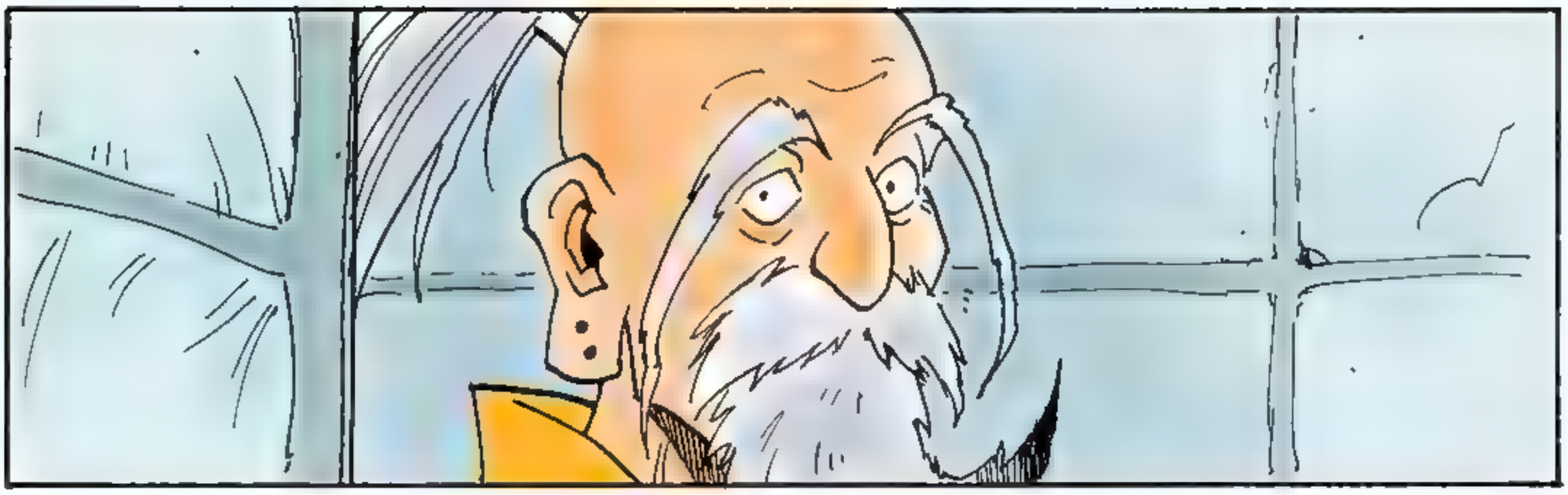
WHEN I TOLD THEM "I WANTED TO DECIDE MY OWN FUTURE", THEY ALL FLIPPED OUT.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THEIR KID WOULD GO BAD.

THEY'RE HORRIBLE PARENTS, RIGHT?

I'M SURE THEY'RE WORTH SOME HEFTY BOUNTIES...

WHEN I BECOME A HUNTER, I'LL START BY CAPTURING MY FAMILY.



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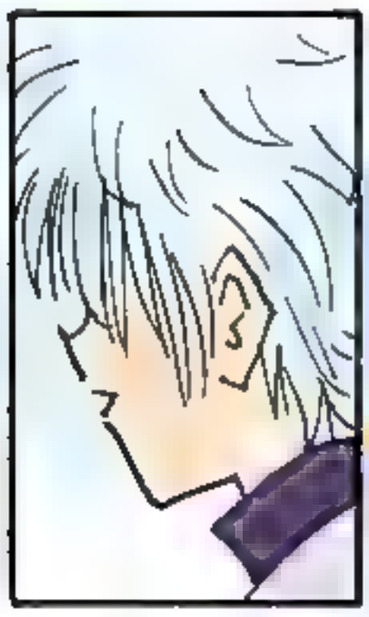

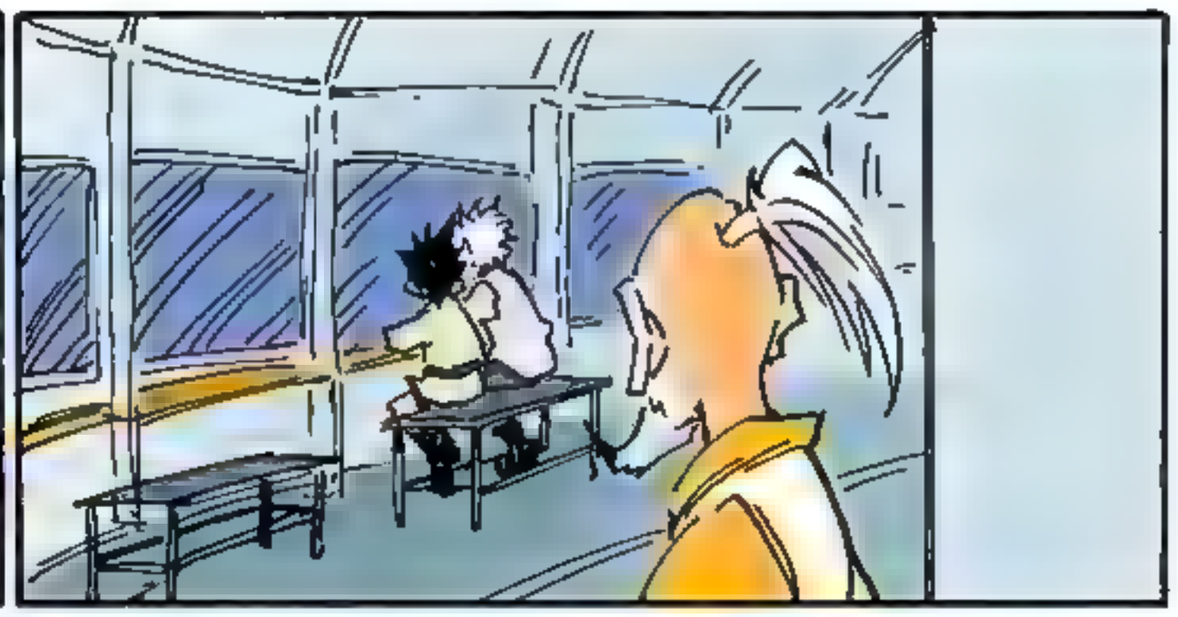

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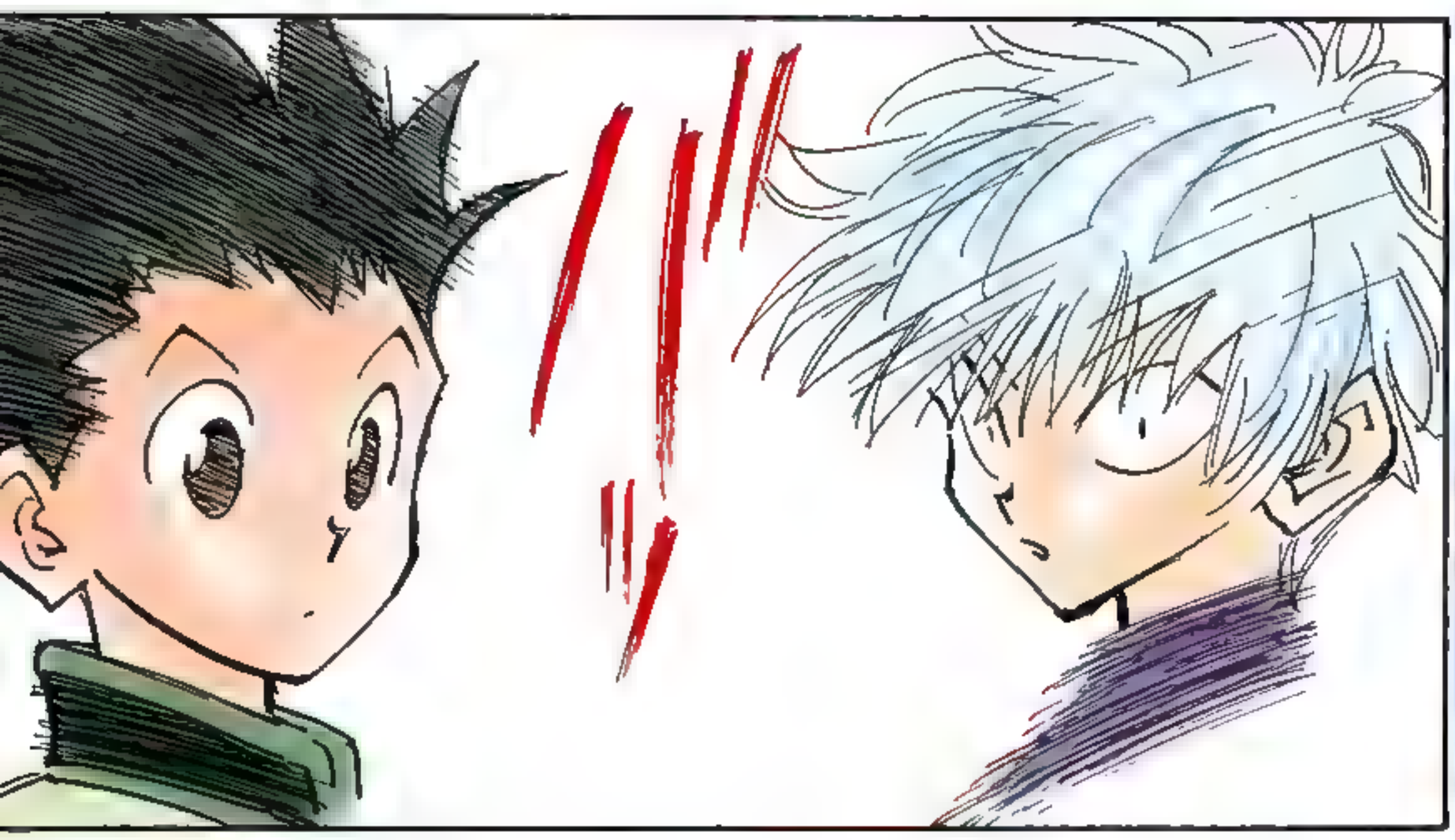
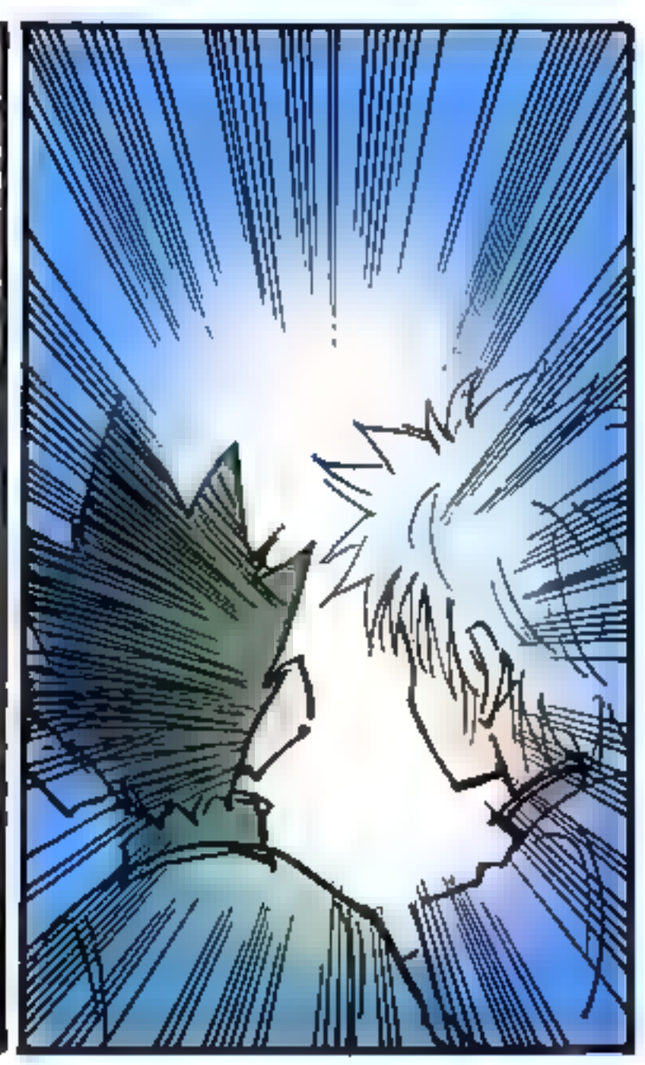
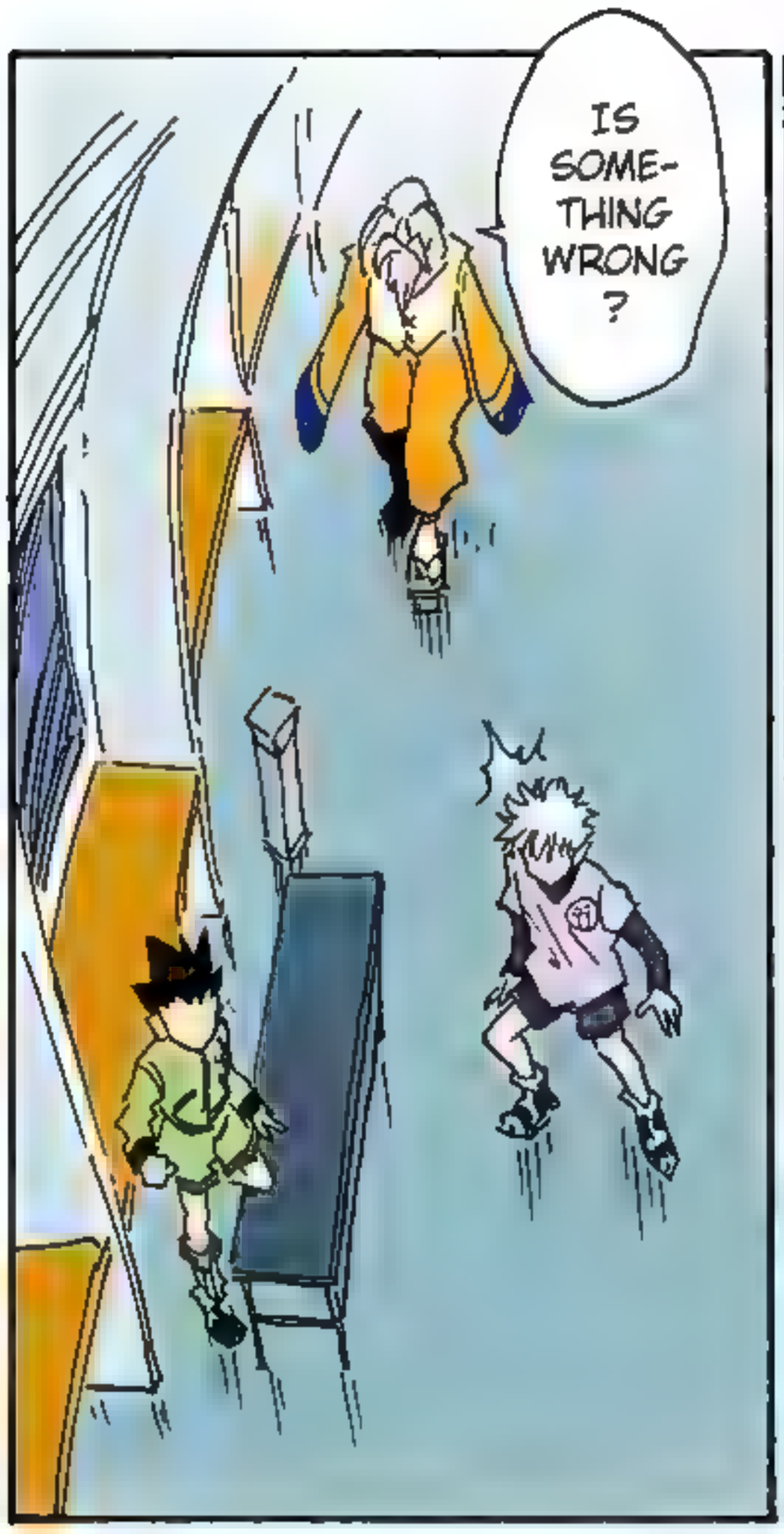
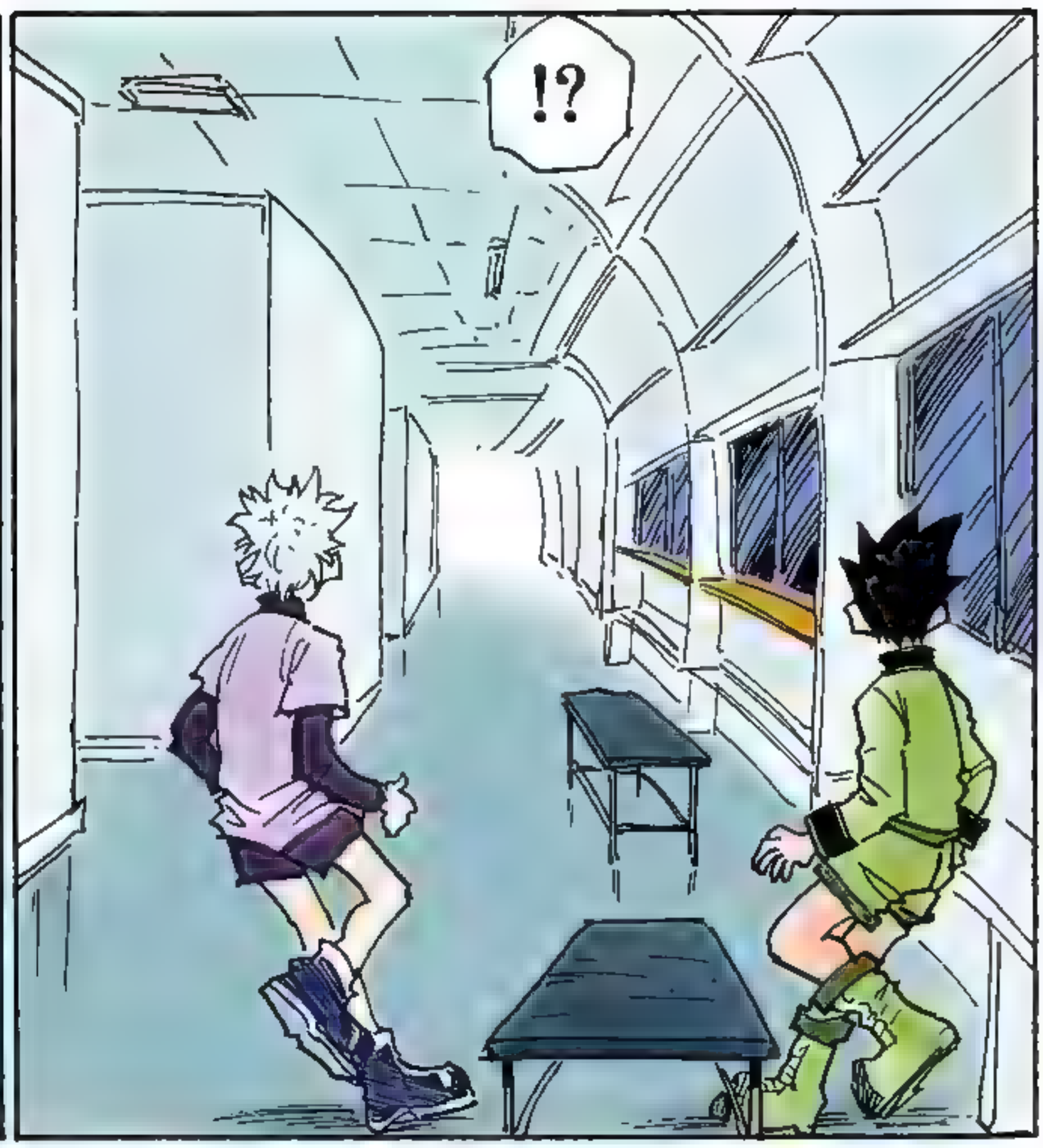





IS SOME-THING WRONG ?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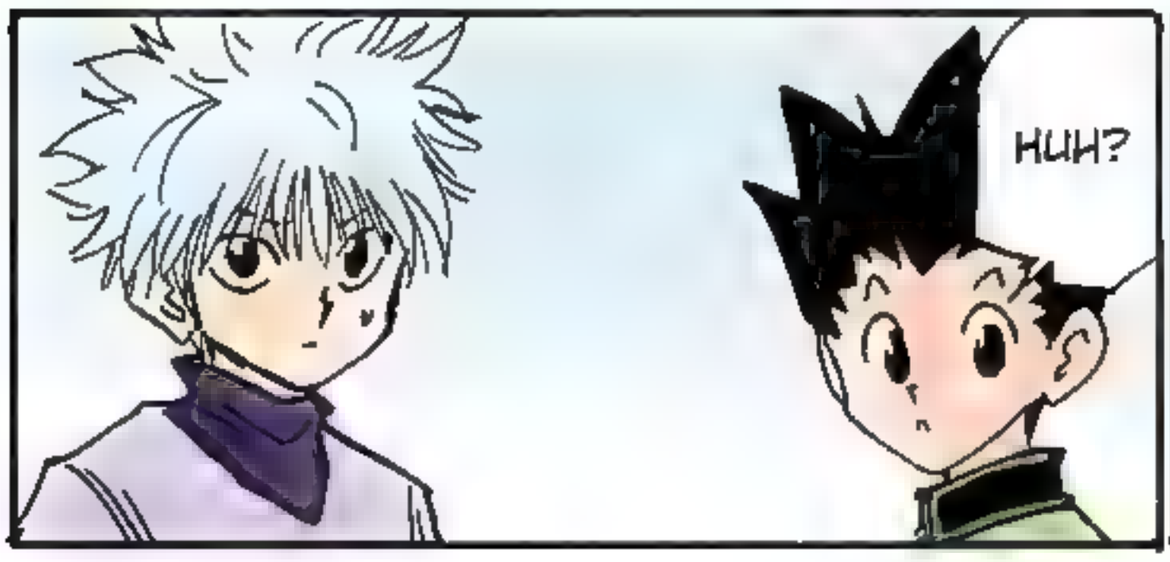
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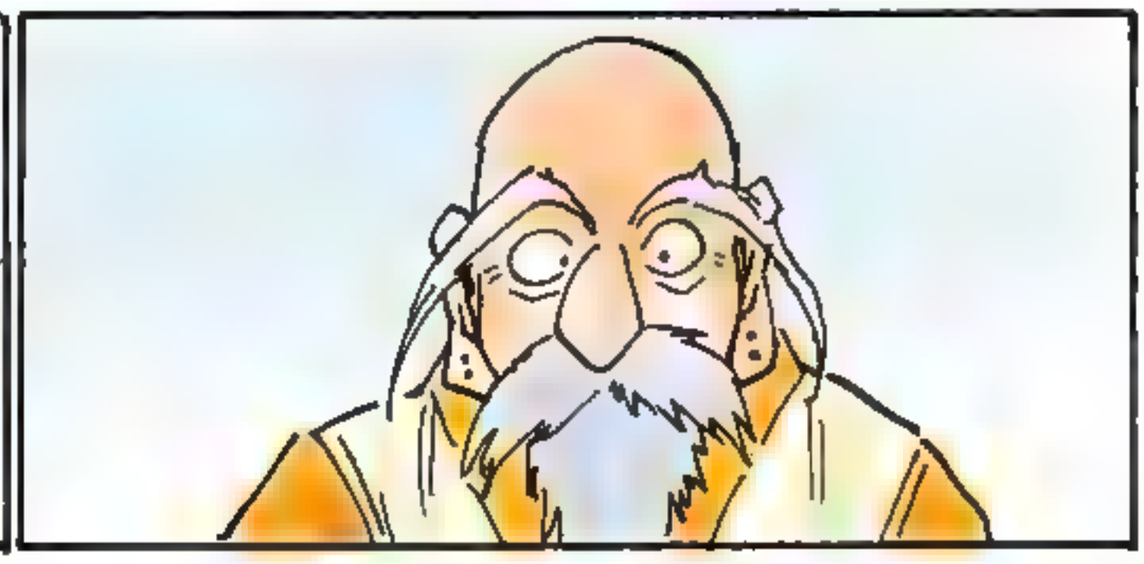
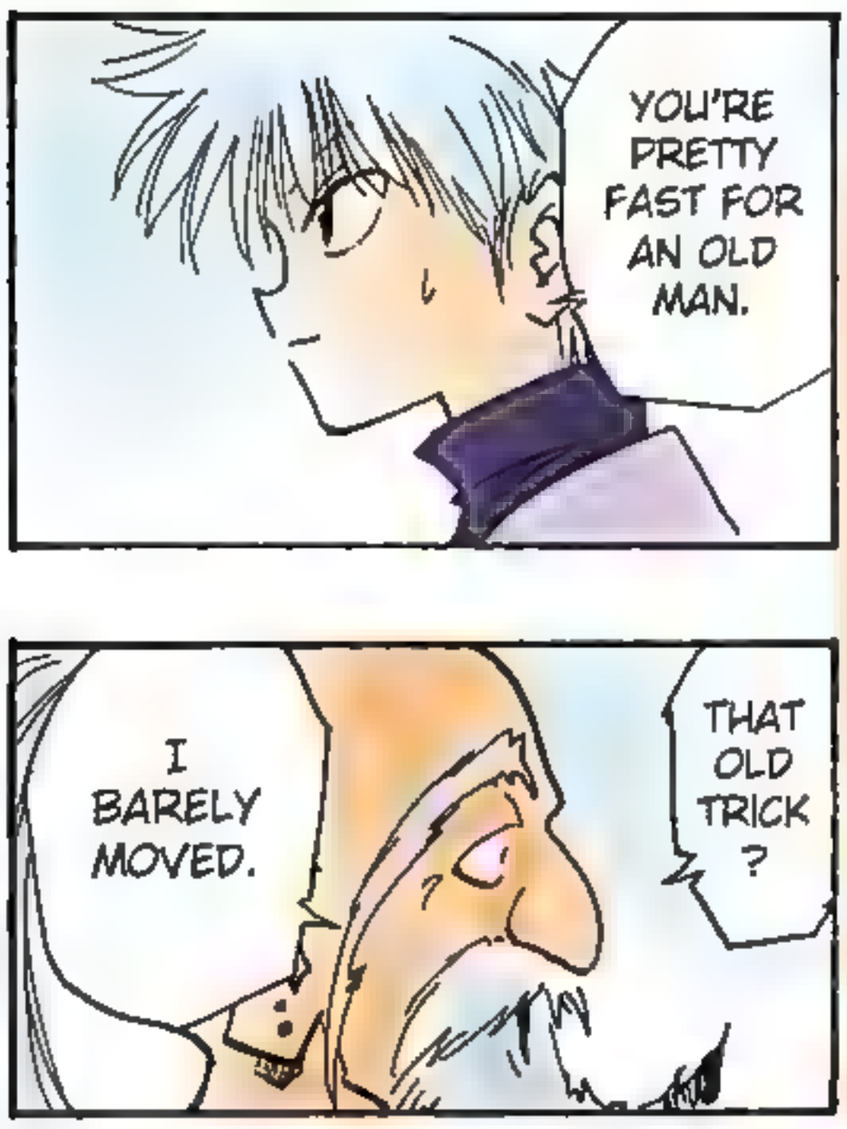
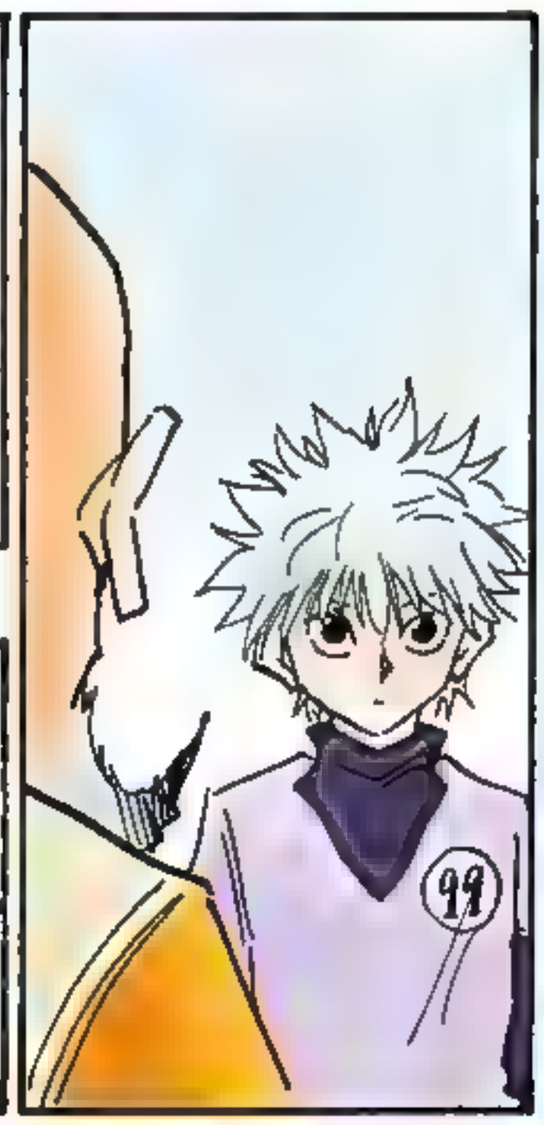
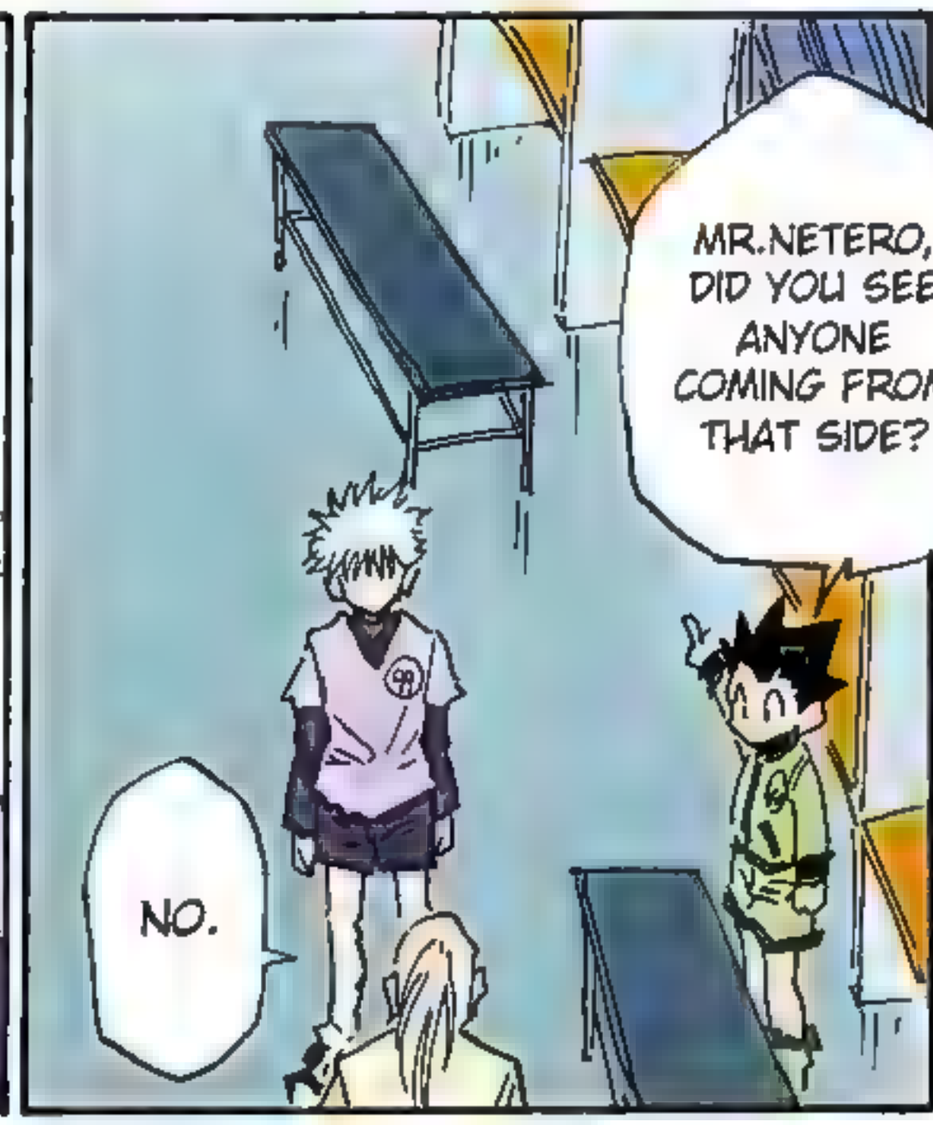



YOU'RE PRETTY FAST FOR AN OLD MAN.
I BARELY MOVED.
THAT OLD TRICK ?




MR.NETERO, DID YOU SEE ANYONE COMING FROM THAT SIDE?
NO.

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...ON ANY THOUGHTS ON YOUR FIRST ATTEMPT AT THE HUNTER EXAMS?

BY THE WAY, I MEANT TO ASK THE TWO OF YOU...

I GOT BORED, AND WAS LOOKING FOR SOME COMPANIONS.

NO NEED TO BE SO UNKIND.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING UNTIL THE FINAL PHASE, RIGHT?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I EXPECTED THE EXAM TO BE FAR MORE DIFFICULT.

I'M DISAP-POINTED.

THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY WRITTEN EXAMS, WHICH I WAS DREADING.

IT'S REALLY FUN!

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WOULD YOU CARE TO PLAY A GAME WITH ME?

NOW WAIT JUST A MOMENT.

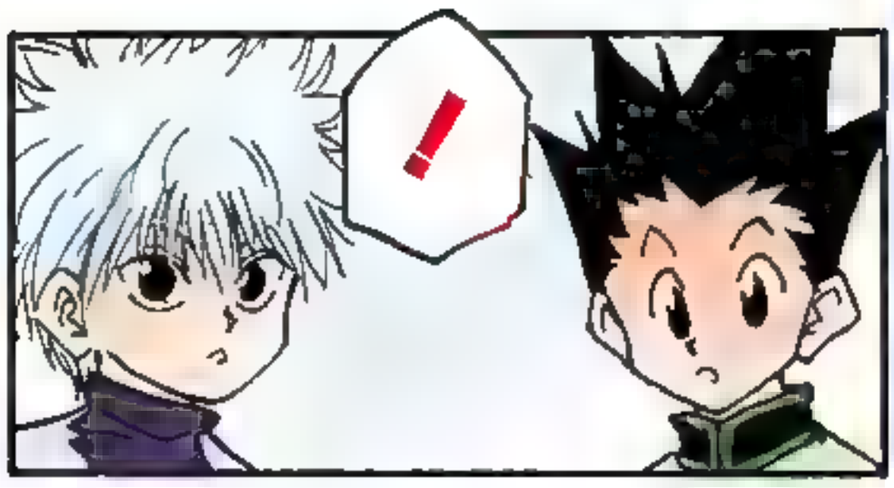
LET'S GO.

WE'RE ONLY WASTING TIME...

I WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.

WELL, NOW ...

ANY CHANCE THE NEXT PHASE WILL BE ENTER-TAINING?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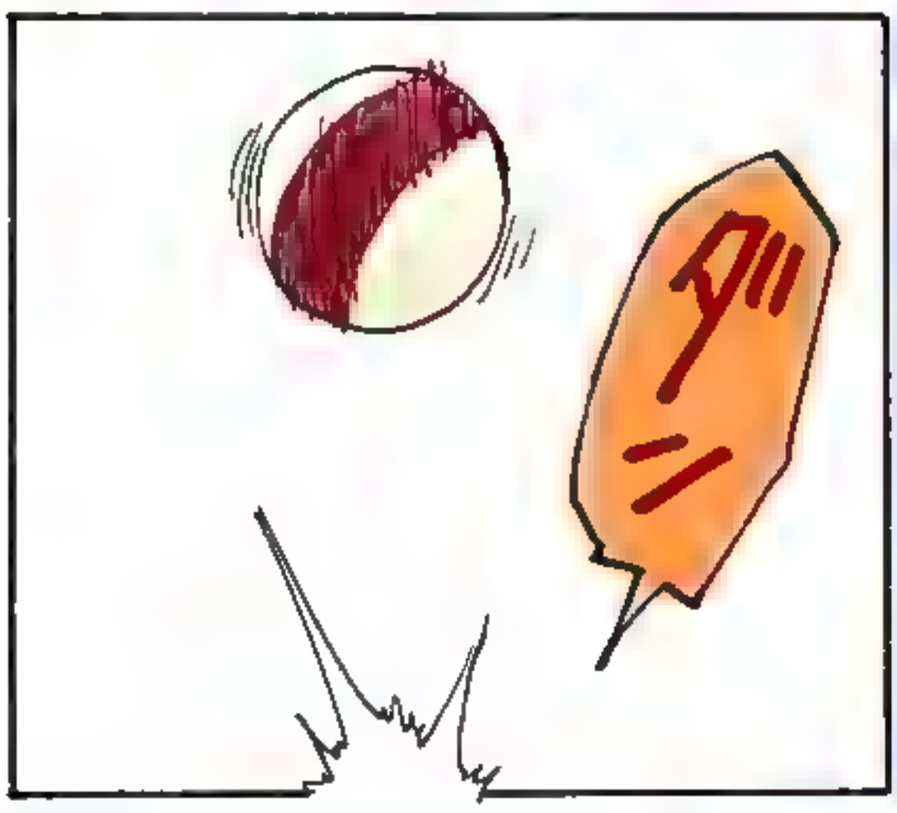
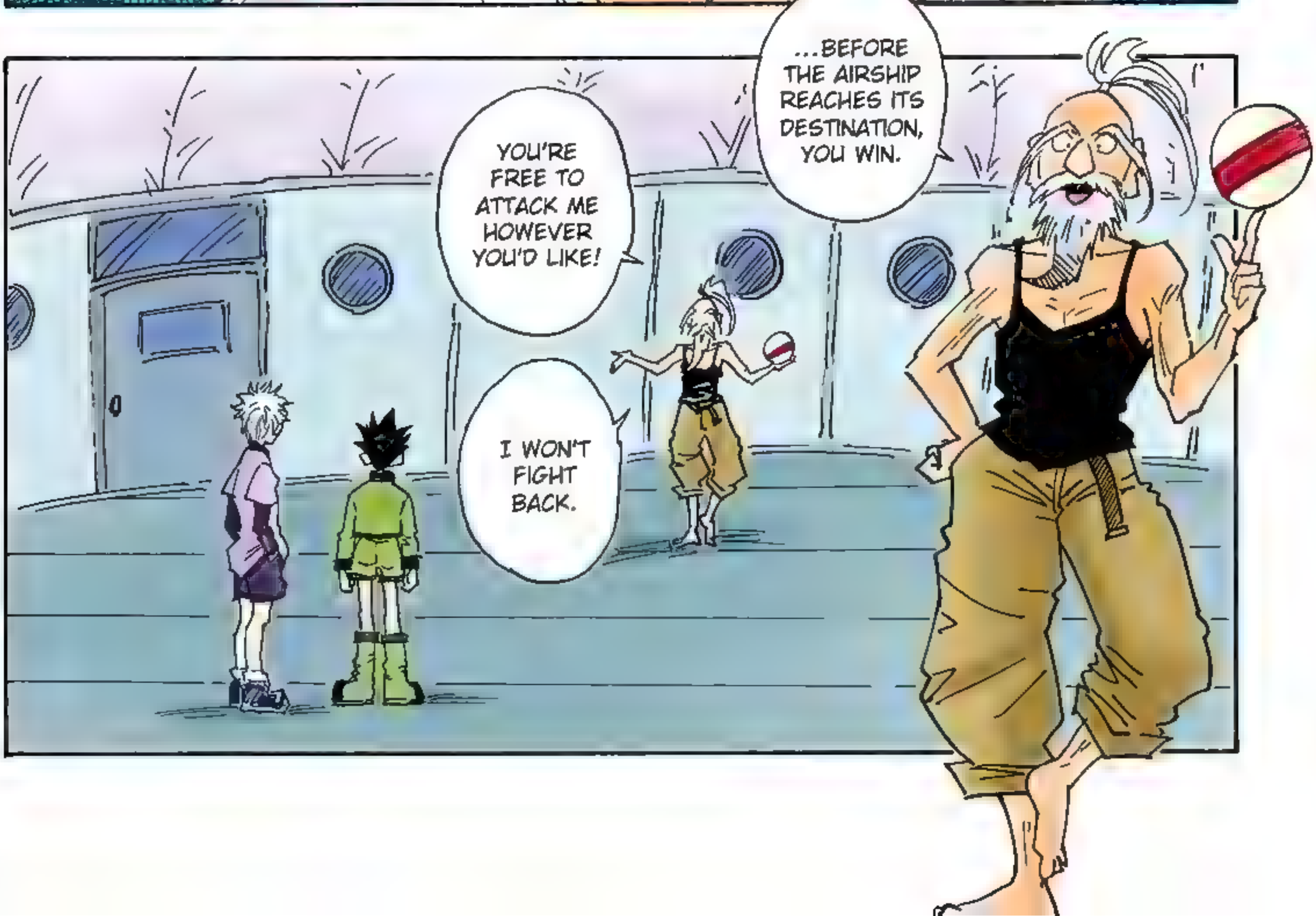


IF YOU'RE ABLE TO BEAT ME...
...I WILL GIVE YOU YOUR HUNTER LICENSE!

HERE ARE THE RULES: IF YOU CAN TAKE THE BALL AWAY FROM ME...


...BEFORE THE AIRSHIP REACHES ITS DESTINATION, YOU WIN.
YOU'RE FREE TO ATTACK ME HOWEVER YOU'D LIKE!
I WON'T FIGHT BACK.

GO RIGHT AHEAD.

WE JUST HAVE TO TAKE THE BALL, RIGHT?
THEN I'LL GO FIRST.
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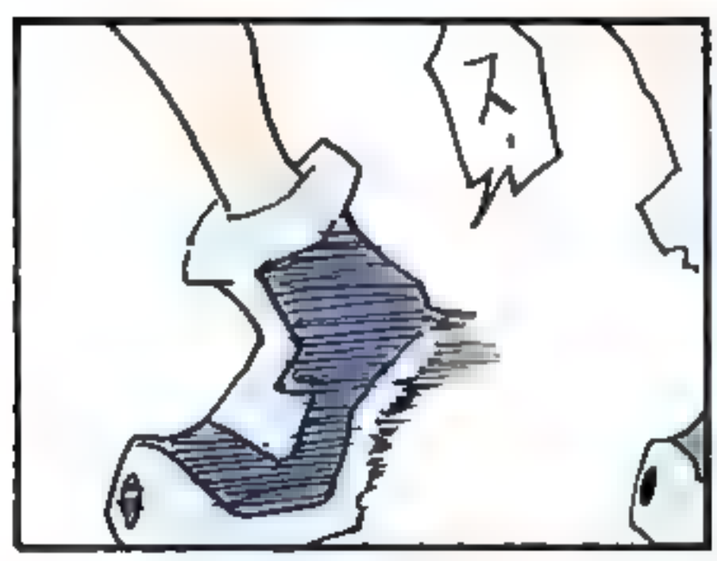
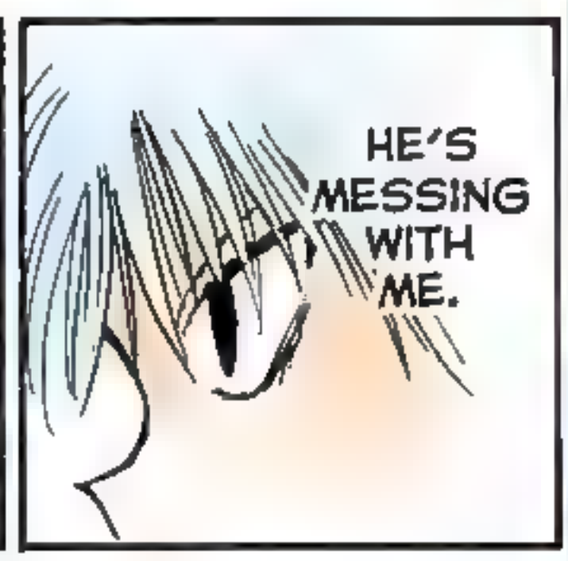
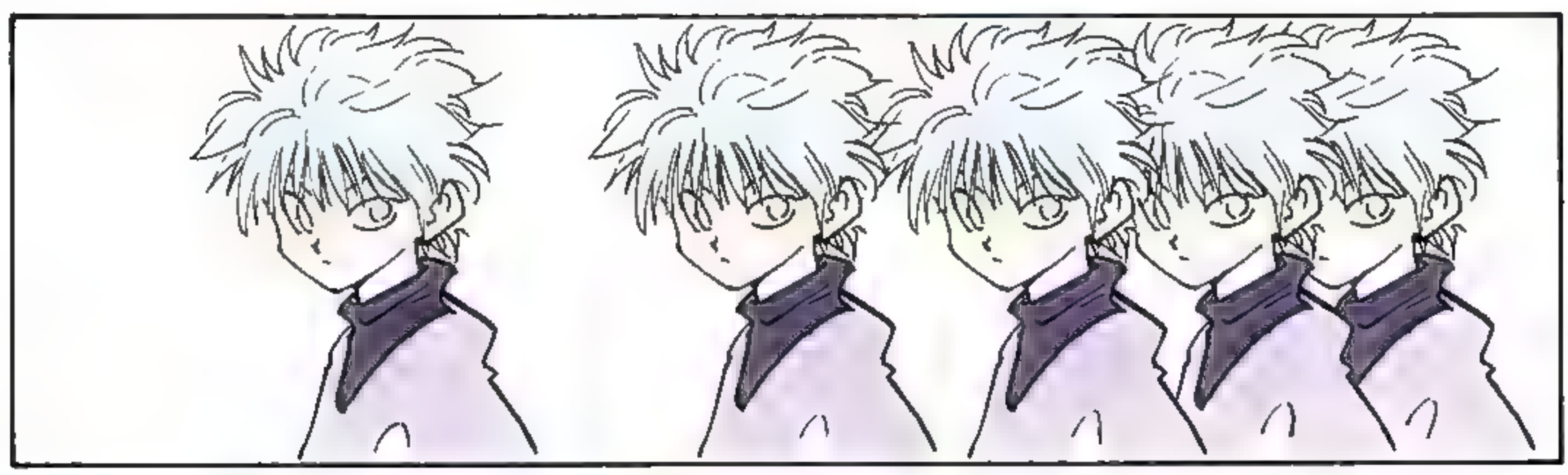



HE'S MESSING WITH ME.



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THERE'S MULTIPLE KILLUAS ?!
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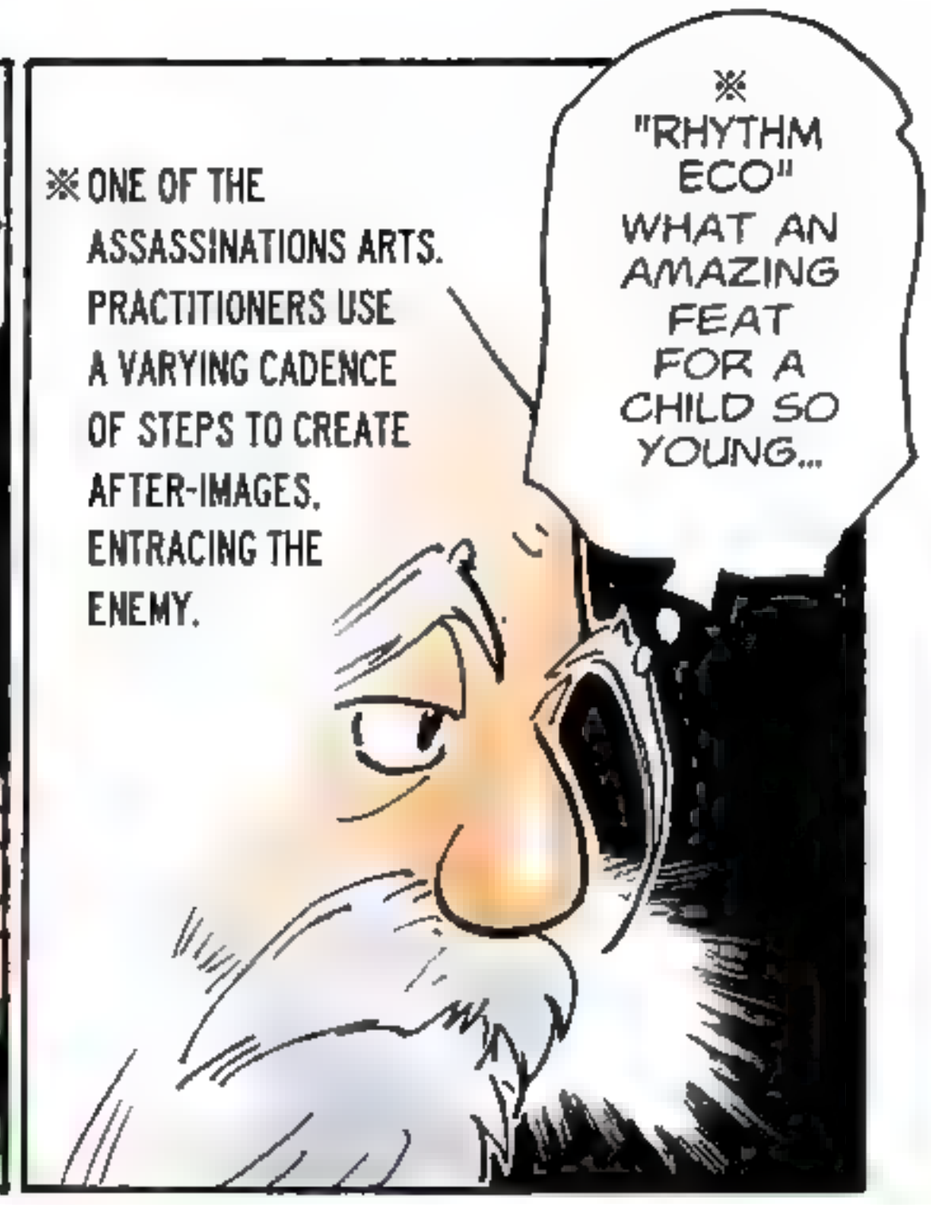
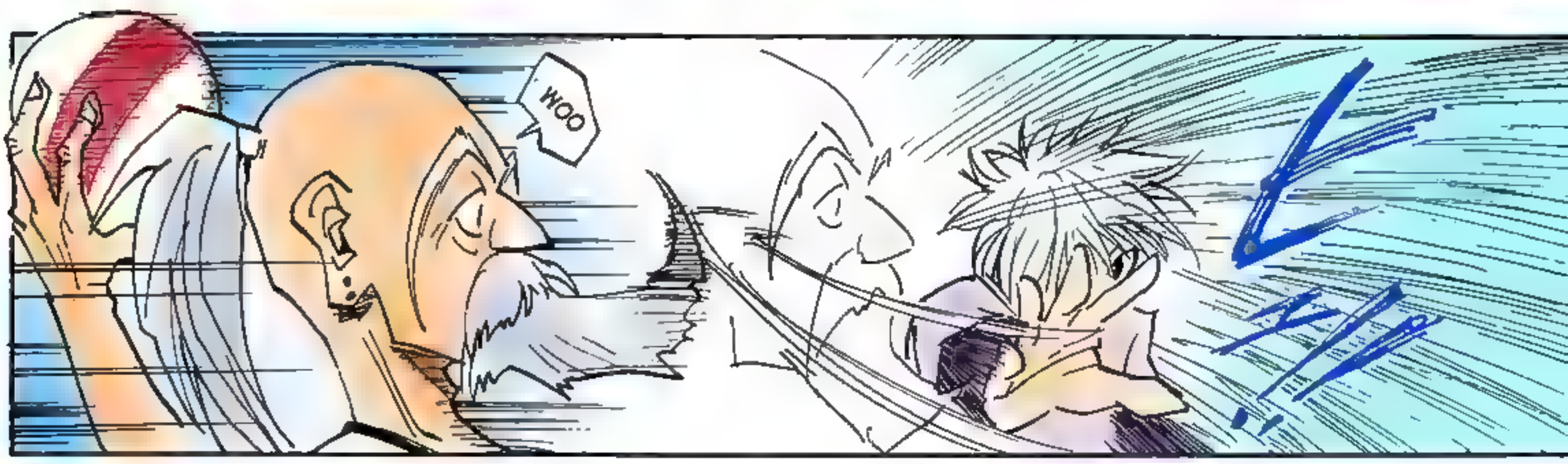

※ ONE OF THE ASSASSINATIONS ARTS. PRACTITIONERS USE A VARYING CADENCE OF STEPS TO CREATE AFTER-IMAGES, ENTRACING THE ENEMY.
※ "RHYTHM ECO" WHAT AN AMAZING FEAT FOR A CHILD SO YOUNG...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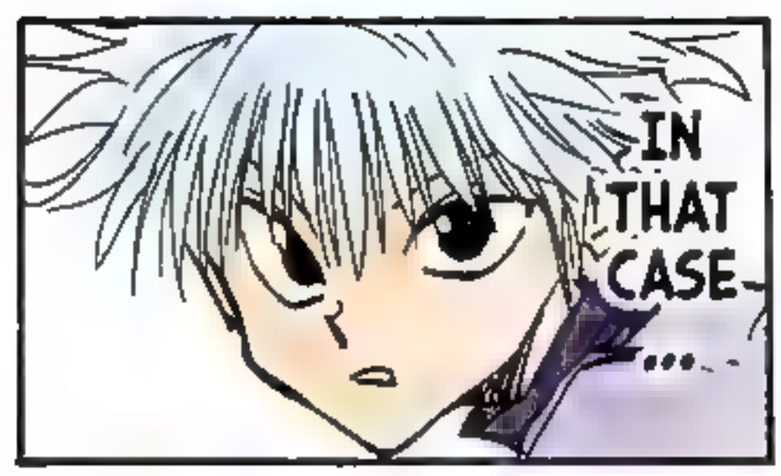
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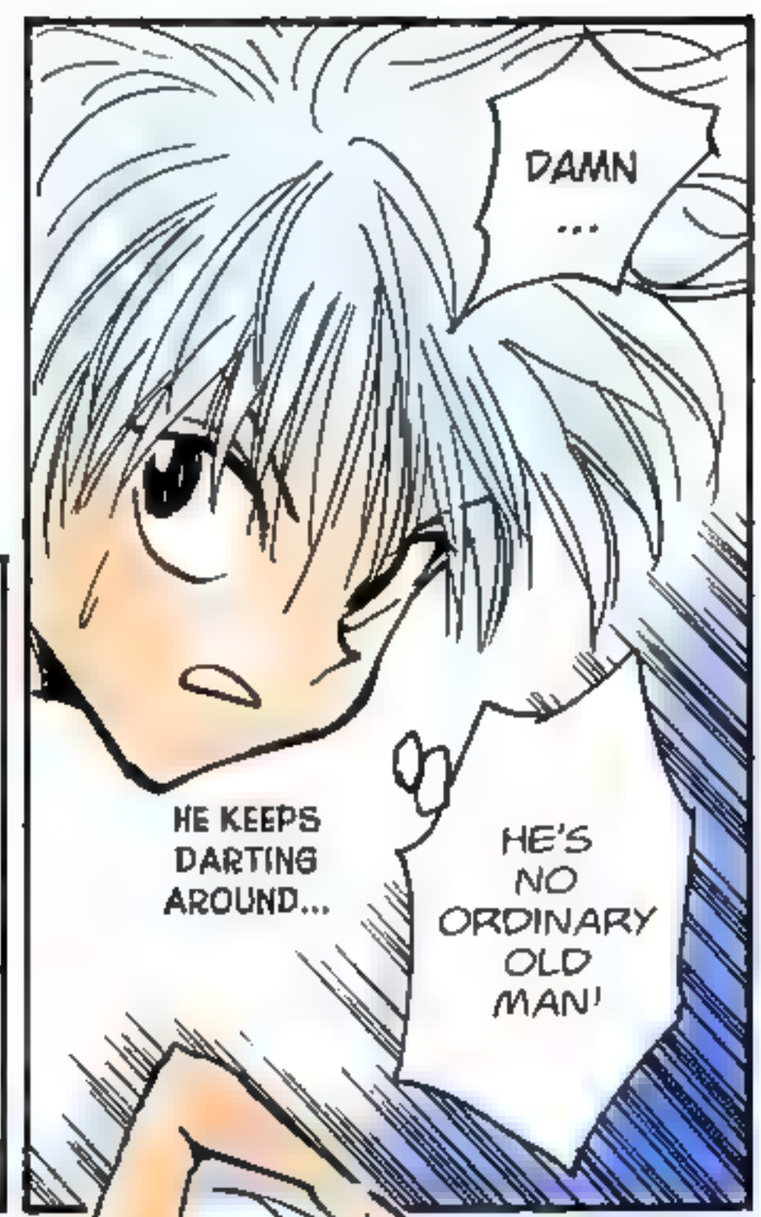
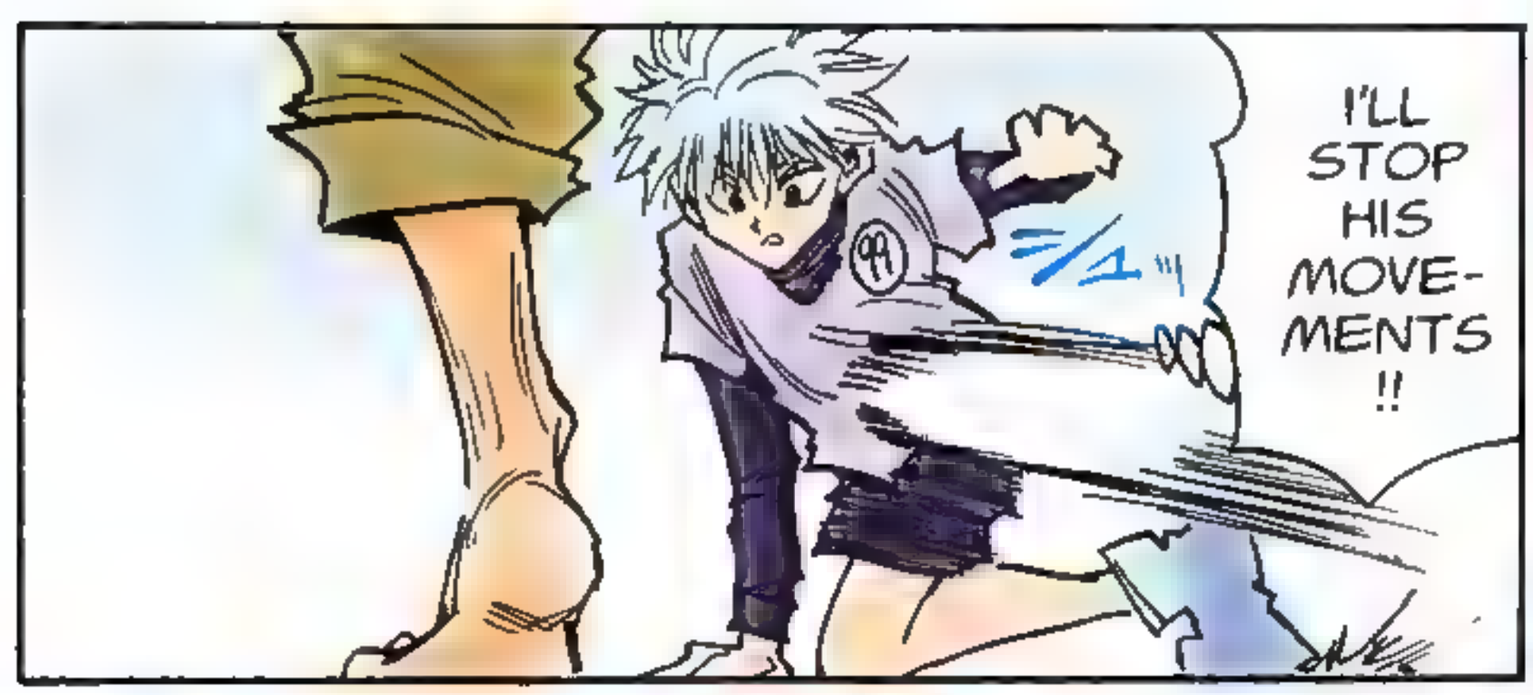
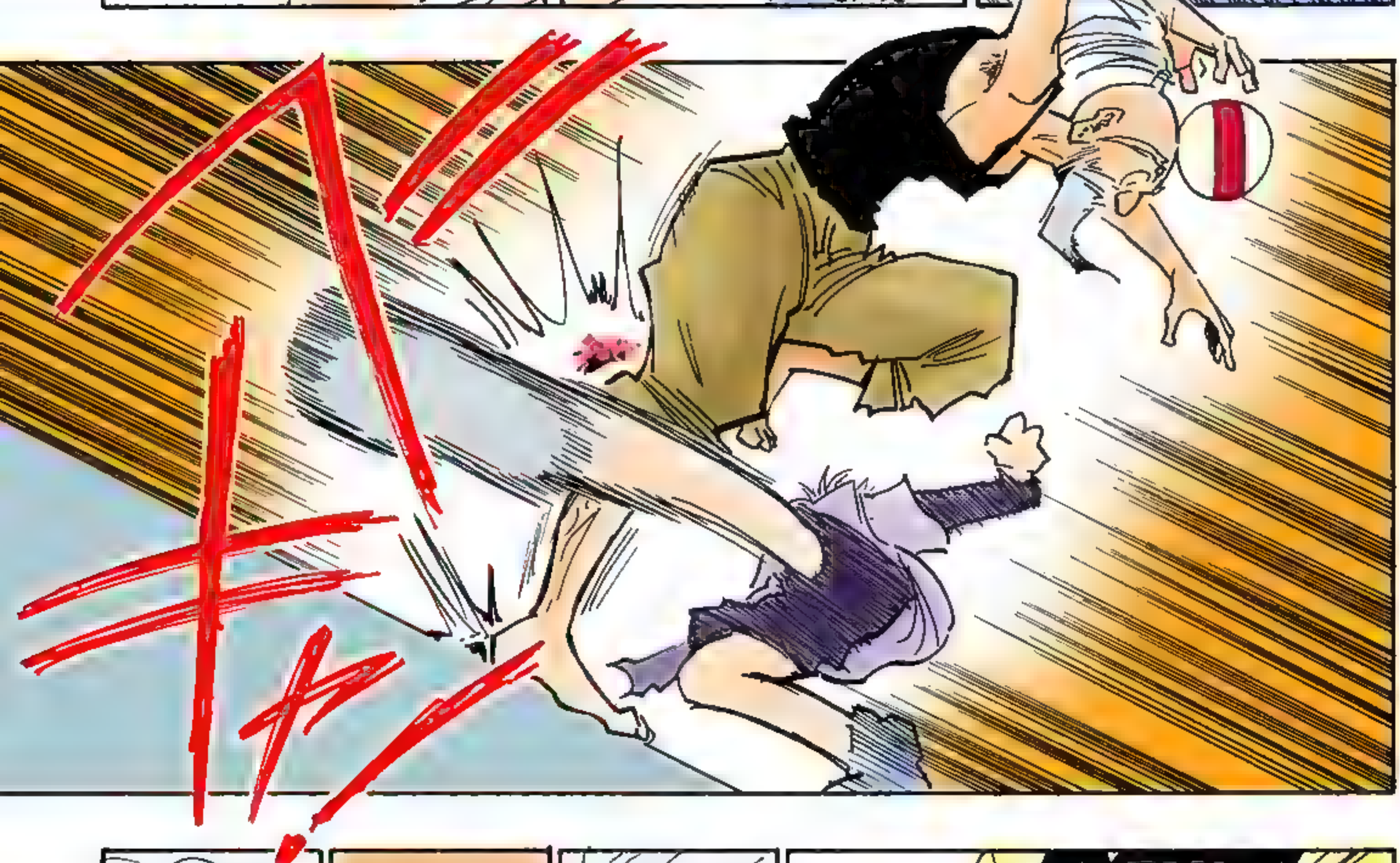
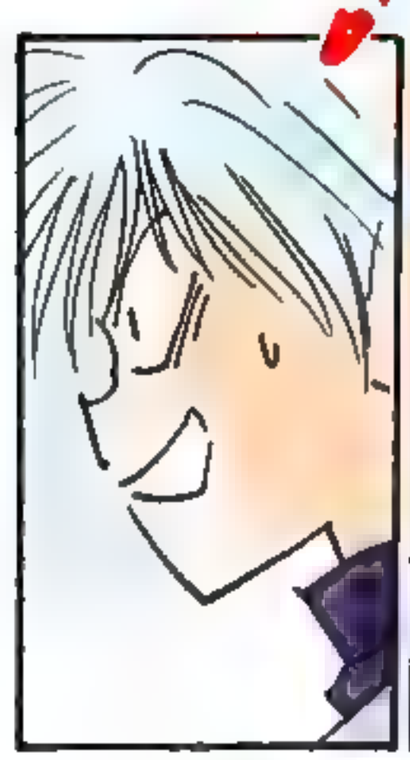
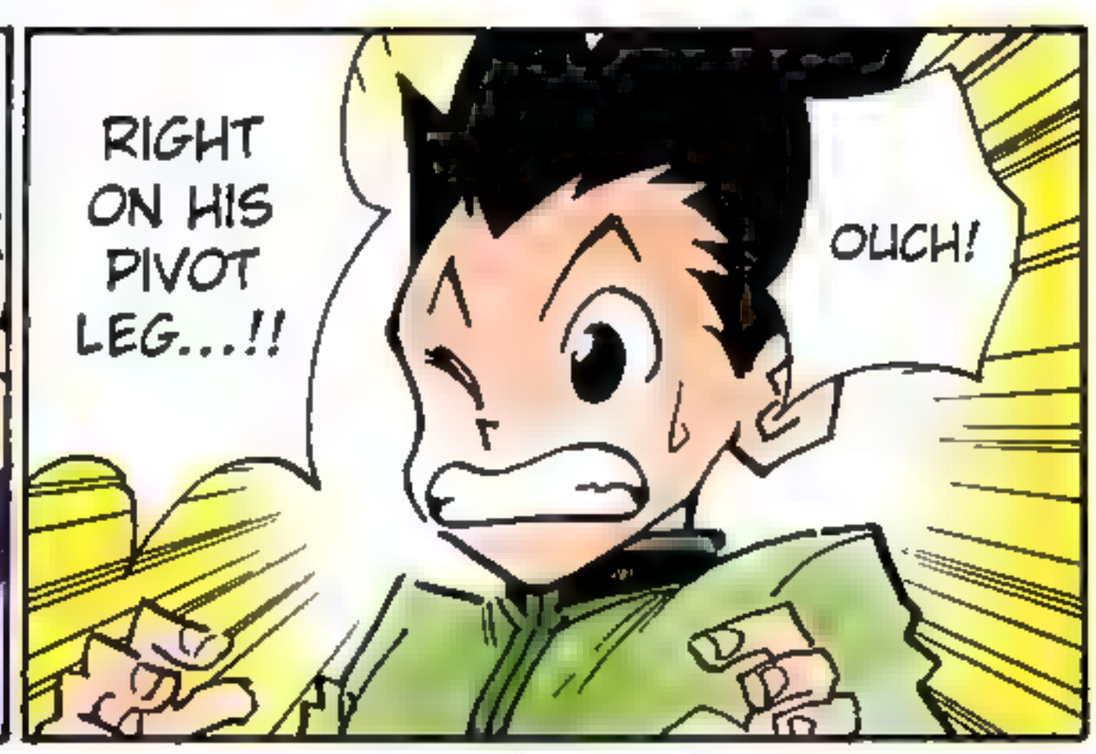

DAMN ...
HE KEEPS DARTING AROUND...
HE'S NO ORDINARY OLD MAN!


I'LL STOP HIS MOVE-MENTS !!






RIGHT ON HIS PIVOT LEG...!!
OUCH!

DAMN, HIS LEGS ARE AS HARD AS IRON!

HE DIDN'T HOLD BACK WITH THAT KICK.

MY LEG WOULD HAVE SHATTERED IF I WERE AN ORDINARY PERSON.

OKAY!

NOW IS MY TURN!!

YOOUCH ...!!

HERE I GO!!

!?

HE IS JUST A CHILD...

HE'LL NEED ANOTHER 10 YEARS BEFORE ATTACKING ME HEAD-ON.

BUT...

WELL... HE APPEARS TO BE MORE OF A NICE YOUNG MAN.

OWW!!

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CONTROL YOUR STRENGTH!!

YOU IDIOT. WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN JUMP REALLY HIGH!

URK!!

ガ"!!

I MISSED, I MISSED...

HE SEEMS SIMPLE-MINDED ...

...BUT HE CLEARLY USES HIS HEAD.

NO KIDDING.

FOR A MOMENT, THE OLD MAN LET HIS GUARD DOWN!

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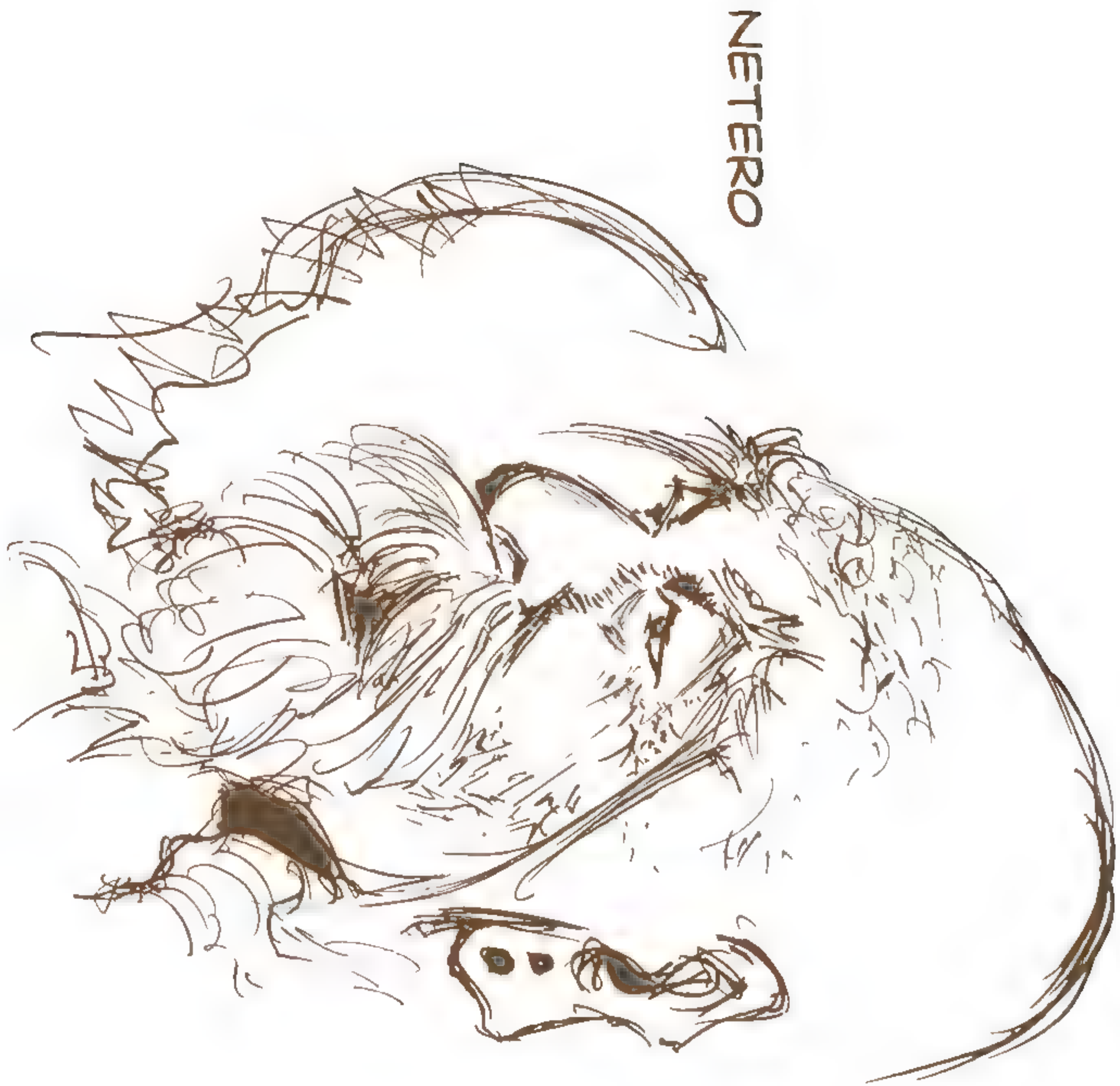
FROM ABOVE !!

THEY'RE SOUND ASLEEP!!

THEY SHOULD KEEP ME ENTERTAINED TILL MORNING.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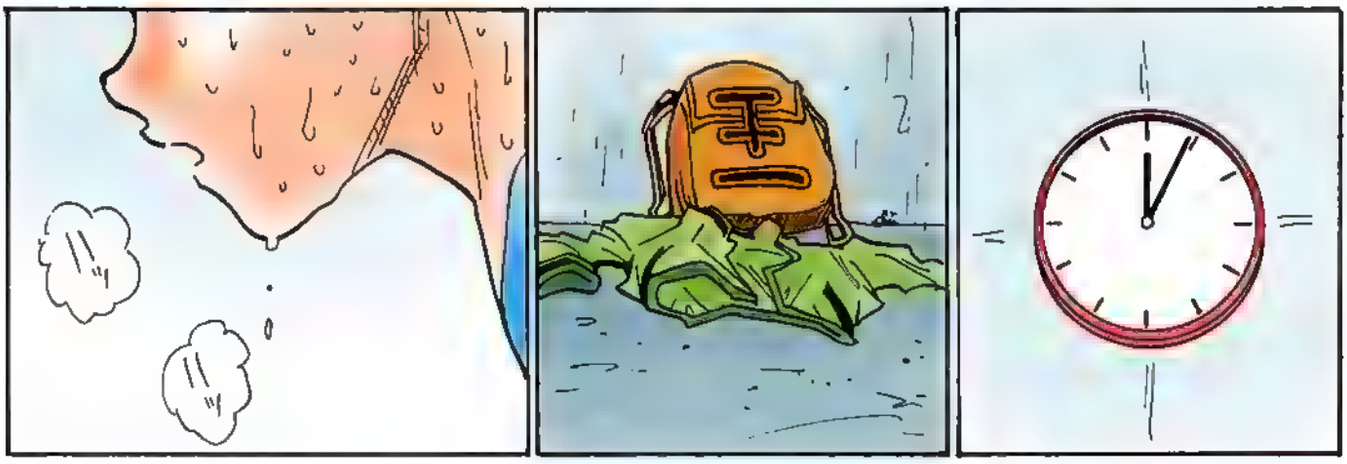
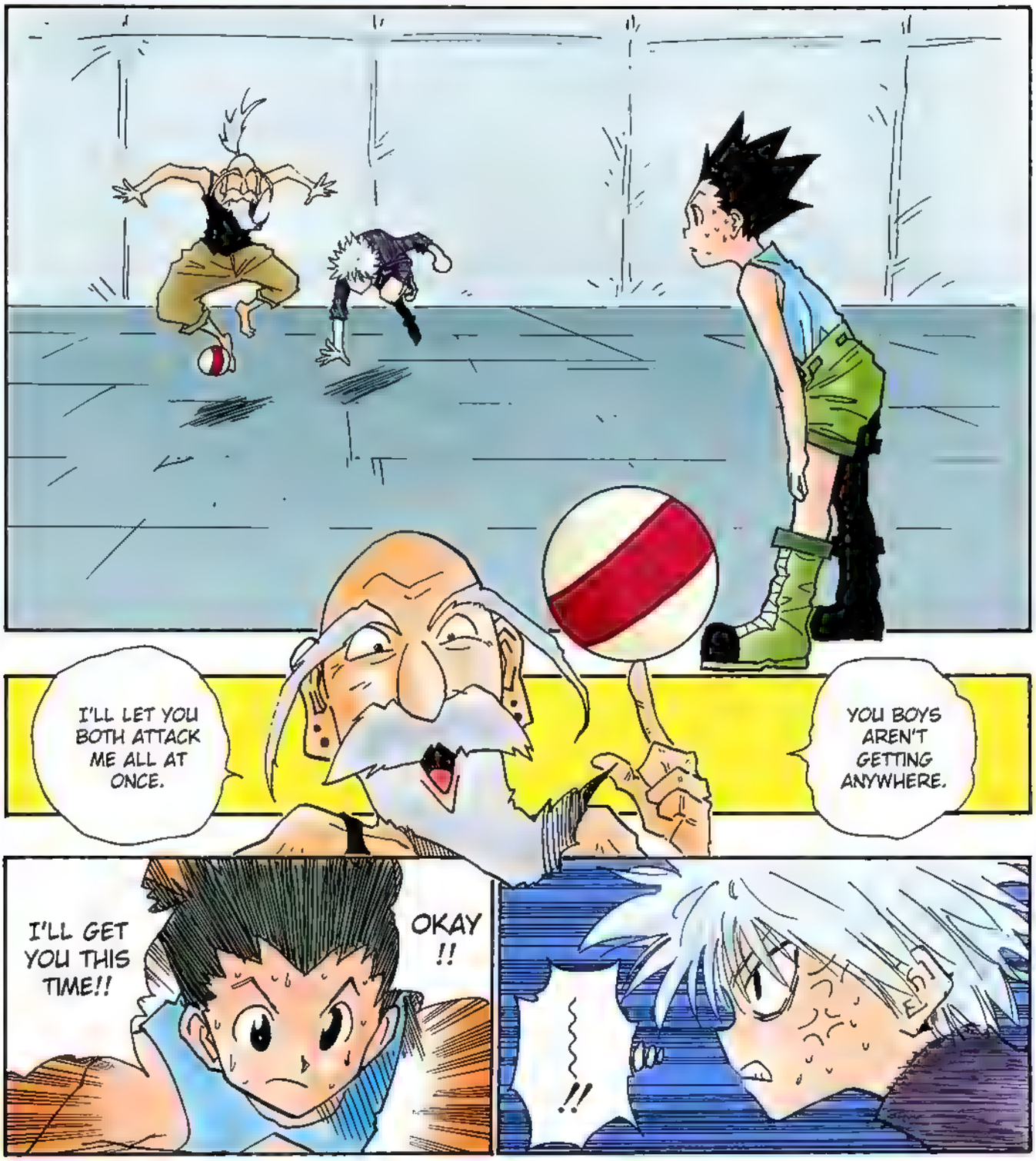
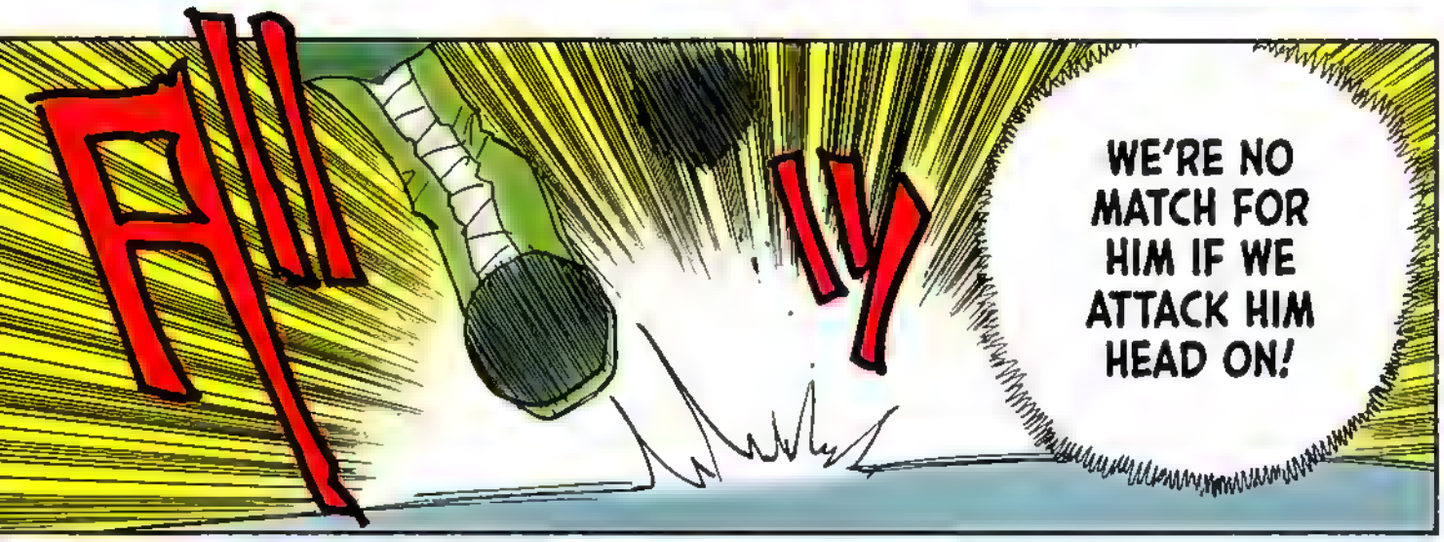
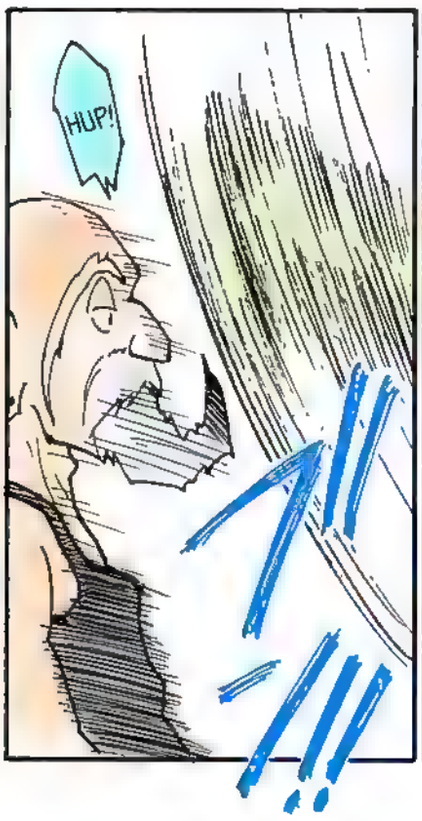


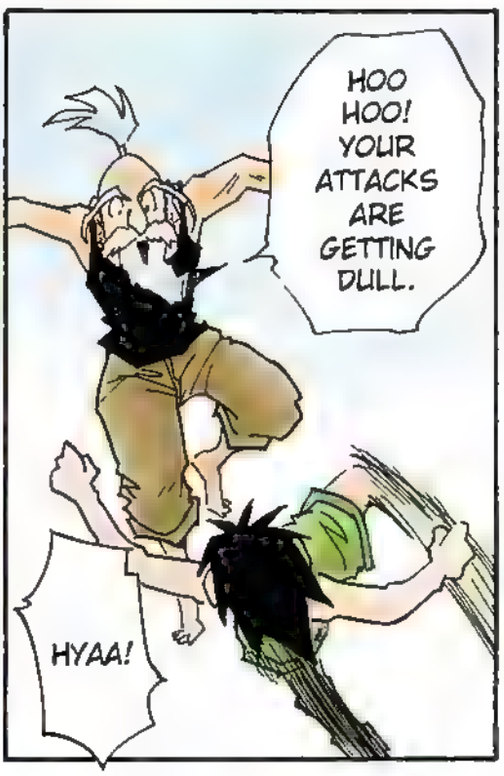


I GUESS EVEN WITH THE TWO OF US, A FULL FRONTAL ATTACK WON'T WORK.
...YET MR.NETERO HASN'T EVEN BROKEN A SWEAT.
KILLUA AND I ARE SOAKED IN SWEAT...
AMAZING!

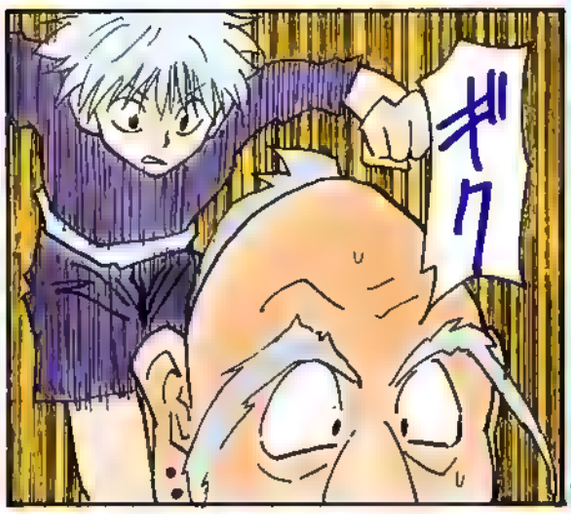

WE'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM IF WE ATTACK HIM HEAD ON!

HYUP ?!


HUP!


HOO HOO! YOUR ATTACKS ARE GETTING DULL.
HYAA!

YOU KICKED OFF YOUR SHOE TO INCREASE YOUR RANGE...
THAT'S NOT FAIR...!!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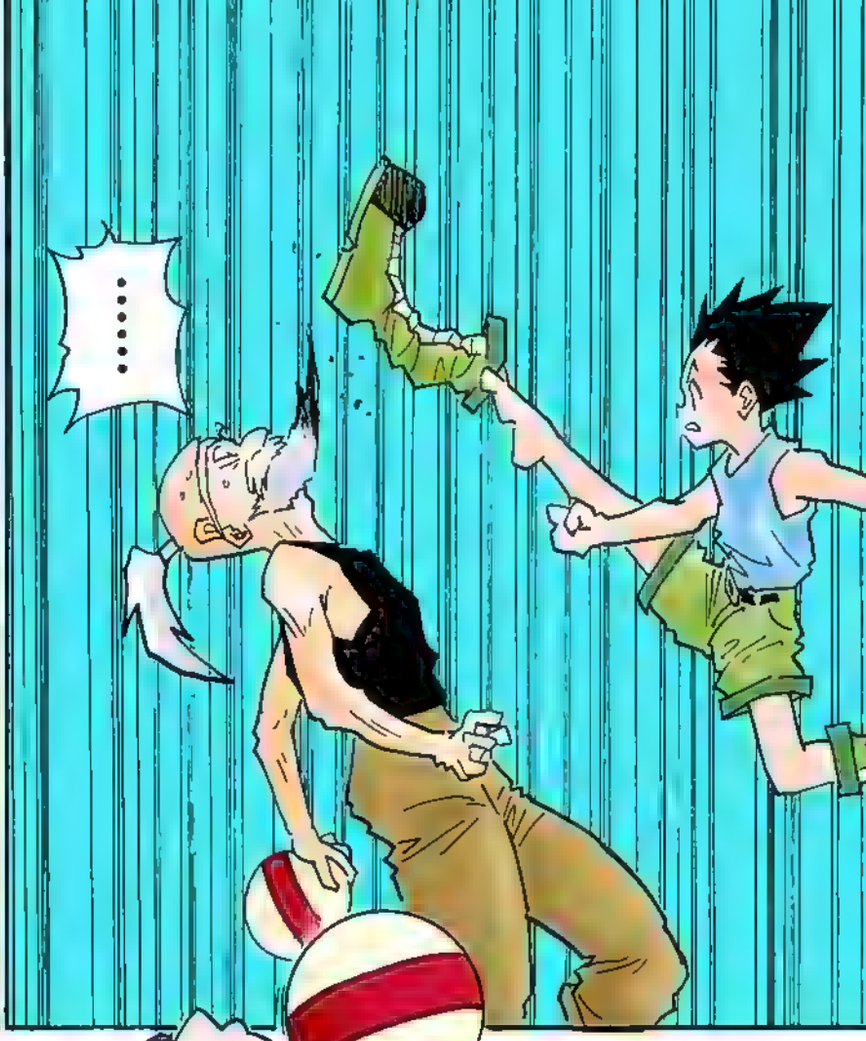
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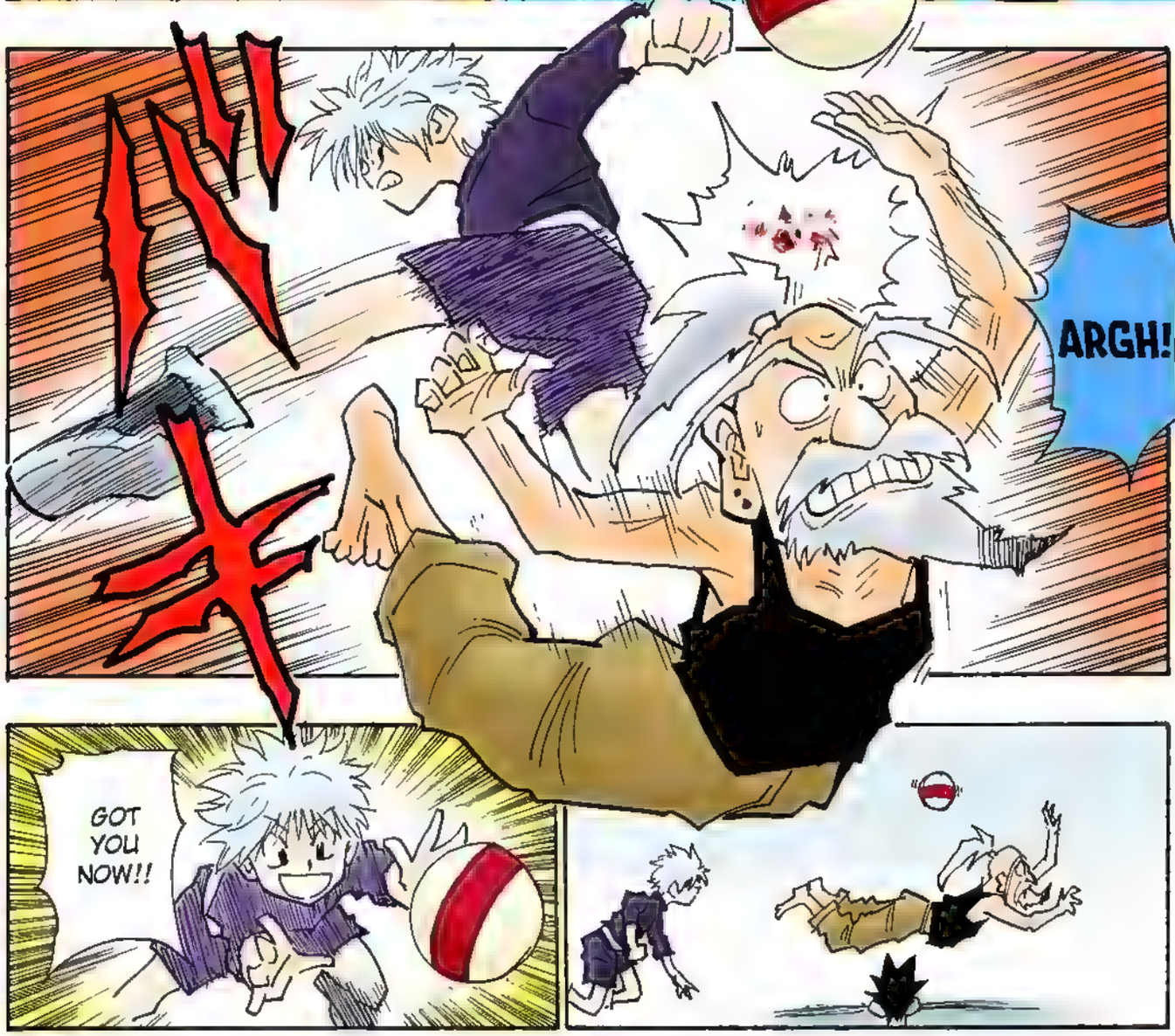
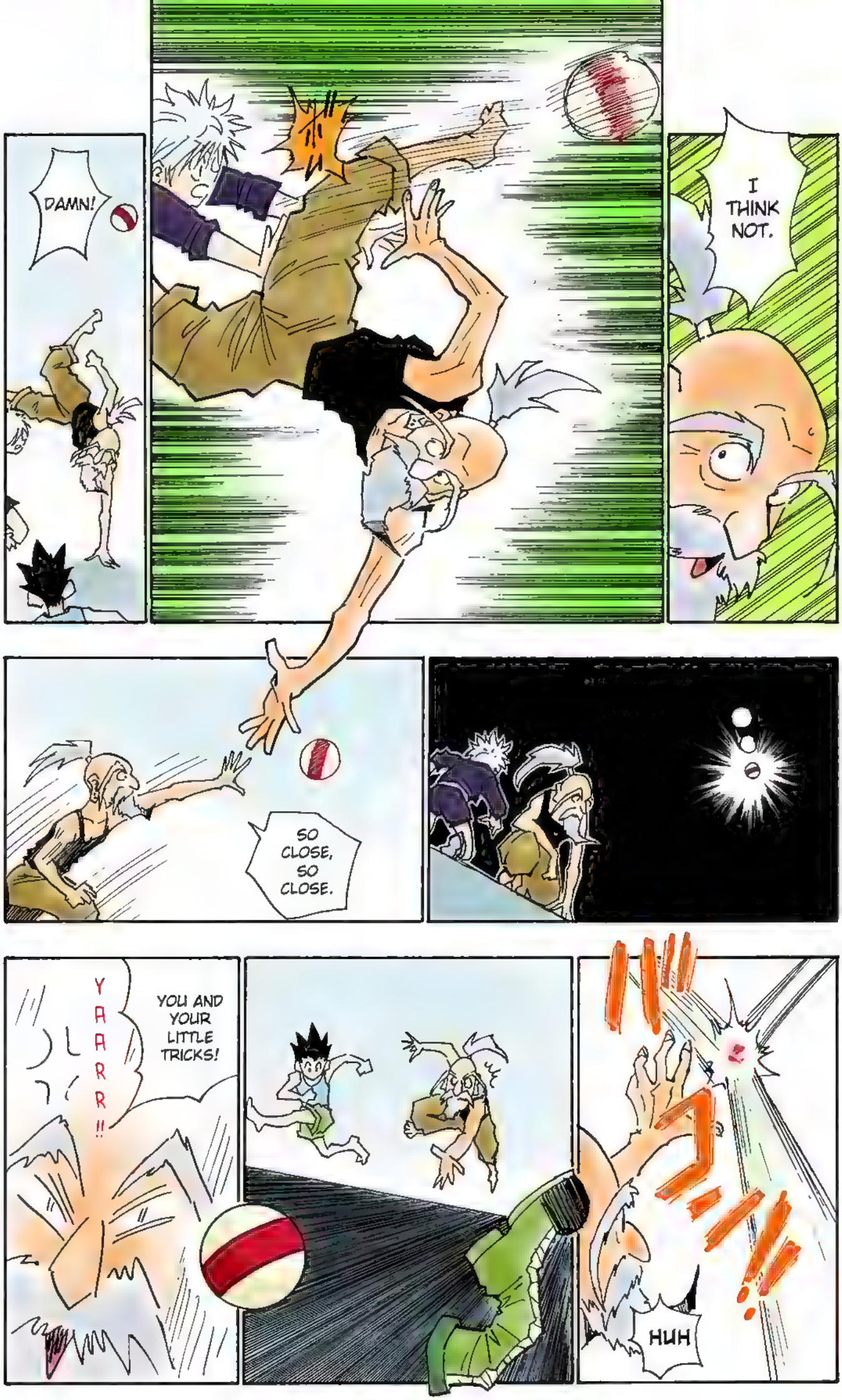
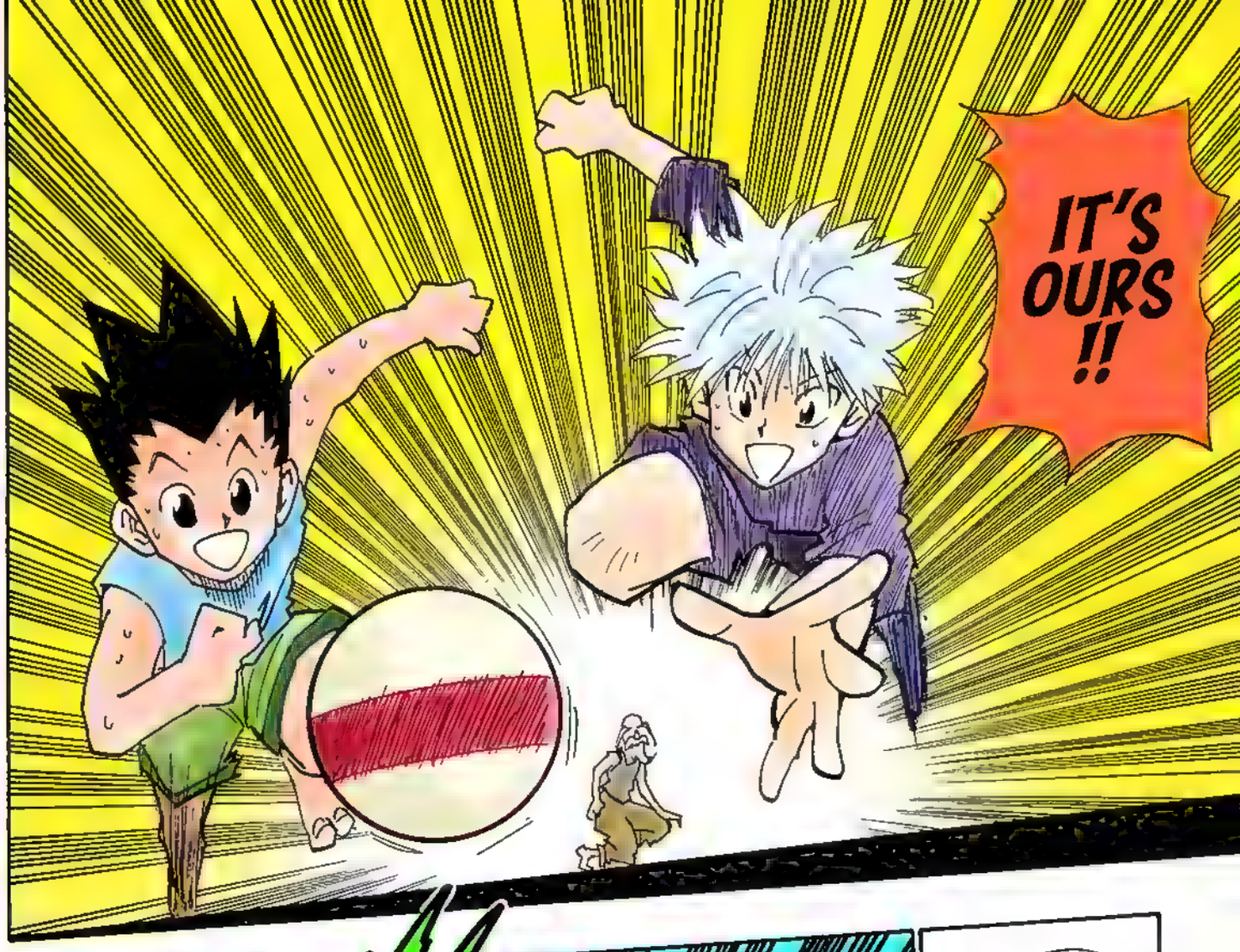
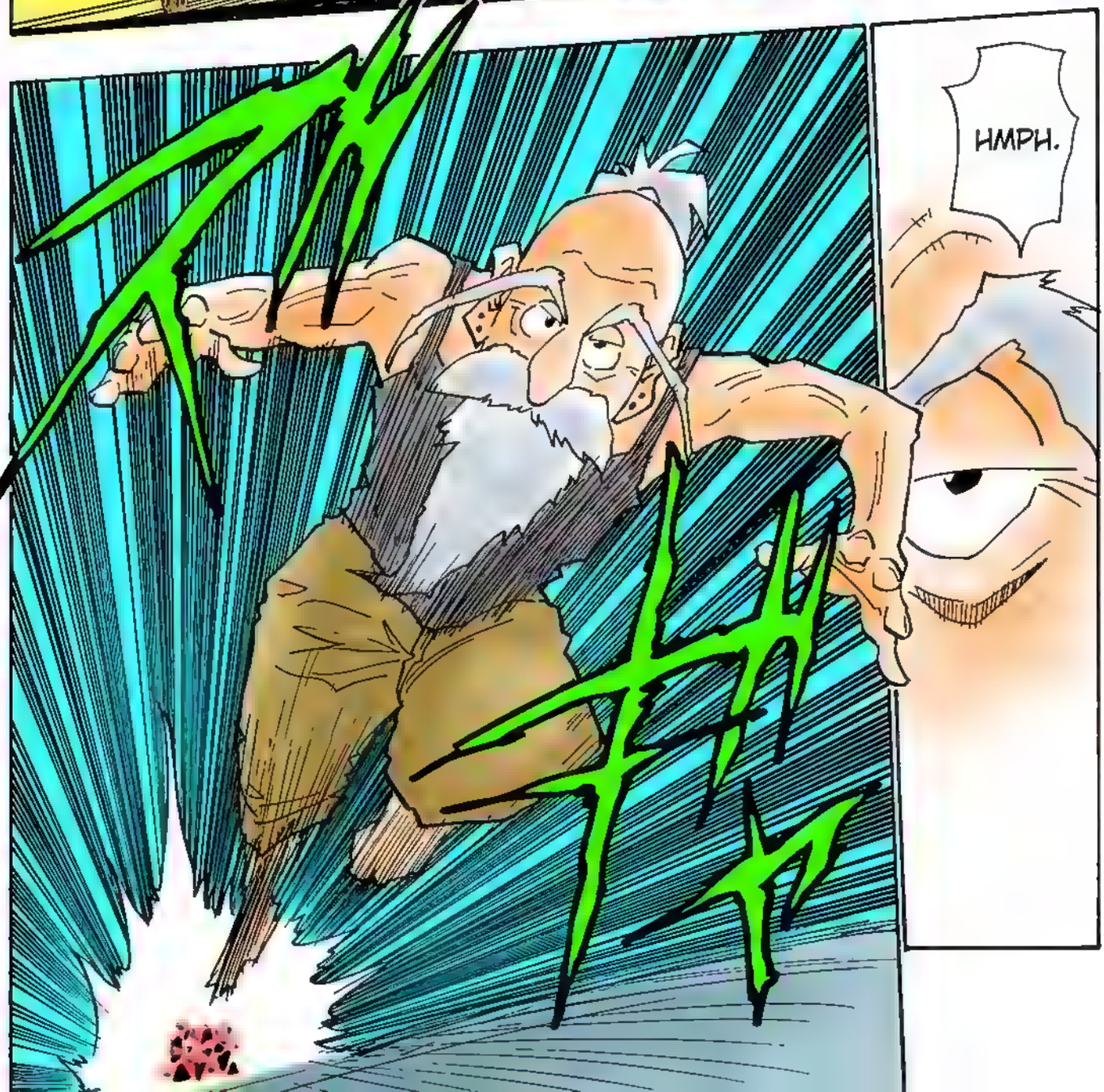

ARGH!
GOT YOU NOW!!


DAMN!
I THINK NOT.
SO CLOSE, SO CLOSE.
YAARR!!
YOU AND YOUR LITTLE TRICKS!
HUH


IT'S OURS !!


HMPH.

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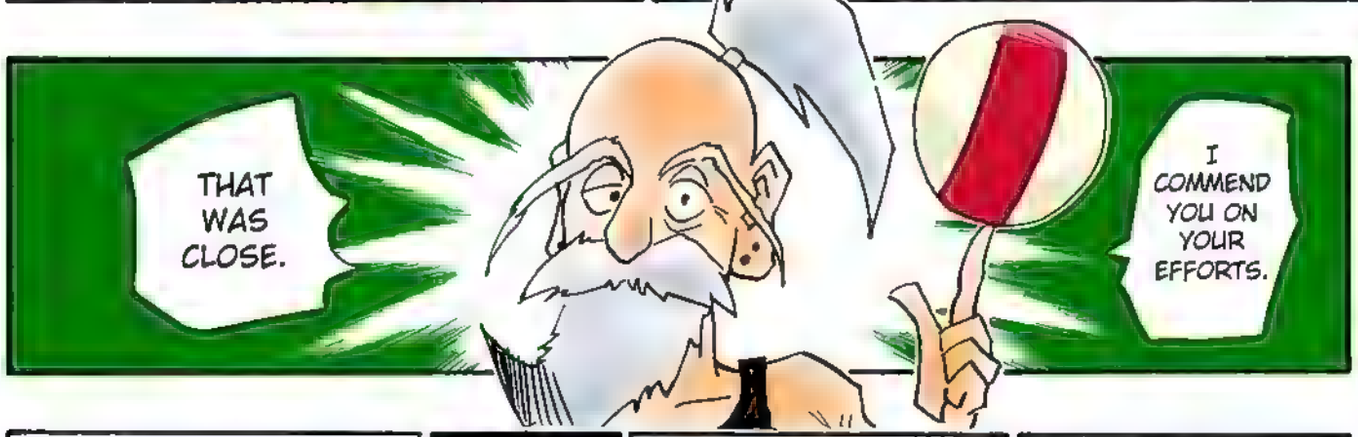
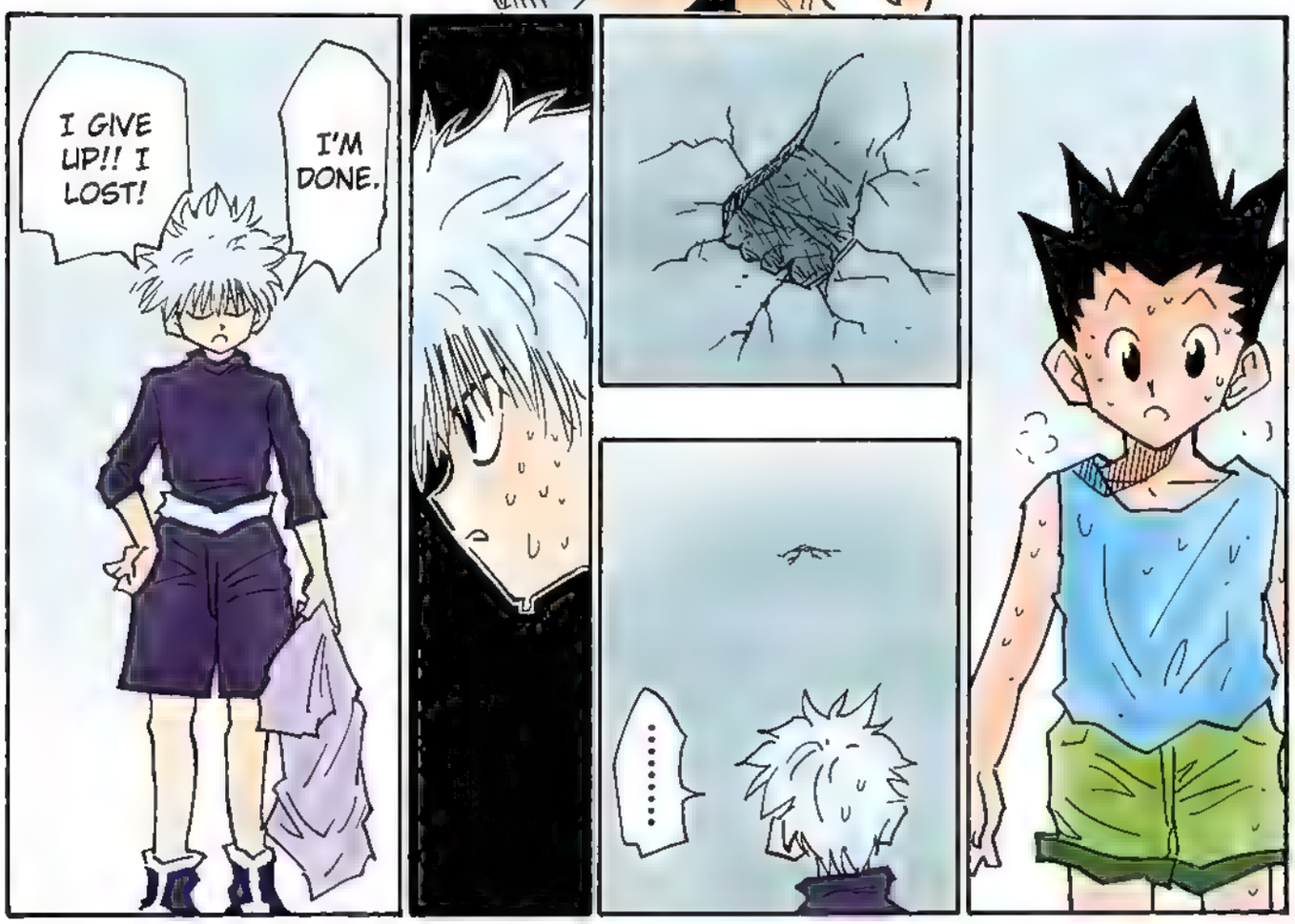

THAT WAS CLOSE.
I COMMEND YOU ON YOUR EFFORTS.


I GIVE UP!! I LOST!
I'M DONE.
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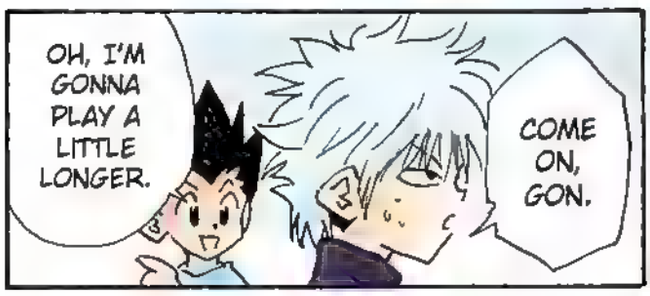
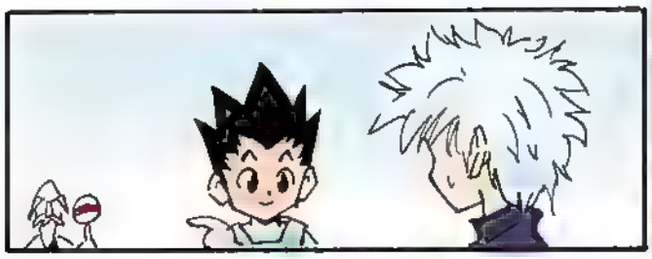
MAN ...
YOU REALLY HAVE NO CLUE, DO YOU?

WHY? WE STILL HAVE TIME!!
PLUS, WE JUST CAME REALLY CLOSE.

THE OLD MAN HAS BARELY USED HIS RIGHT HAND AND HIS LEFT LEG!!
WE'RE STILL POWERLESS AGAINST HIM. WE COULD CHASE HIM AROUND FOR A YEAR, AND NEVER GET THE BALL FROM HIM!

AH HA! YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO PISS ME OFF, OLD MAN...

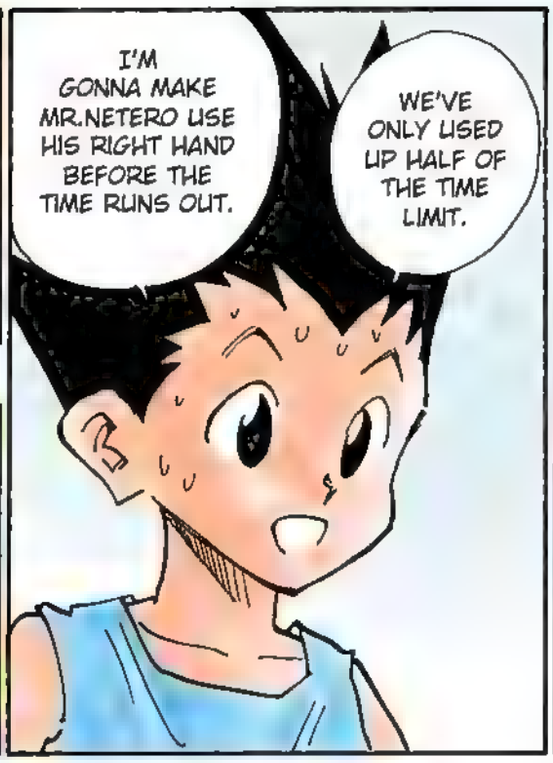

OH, I'M GONNA PLAY A LITTLE LONGER.
COME ON, GON.



I THOUGHT I'D FOOLED YOU.
OH, YOU SAW THAT?

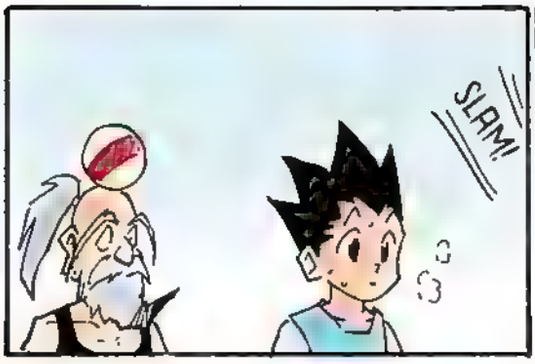
HUH ?!

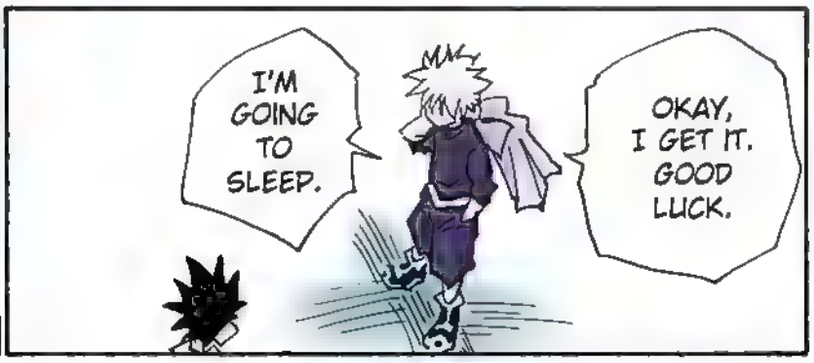
UHH, OKAY


I'M GONNA MAKE MR.NETERO USE HIS RIGHT HAND BEFORE THE TIME RUNS OUT.
WE'VE ONLY USED UP HALF OF THE TIME LIMIT.

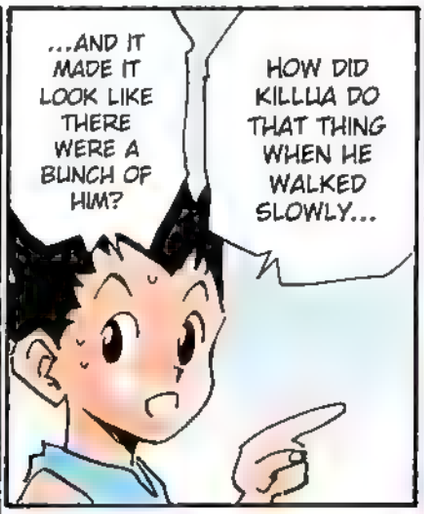
HUH?

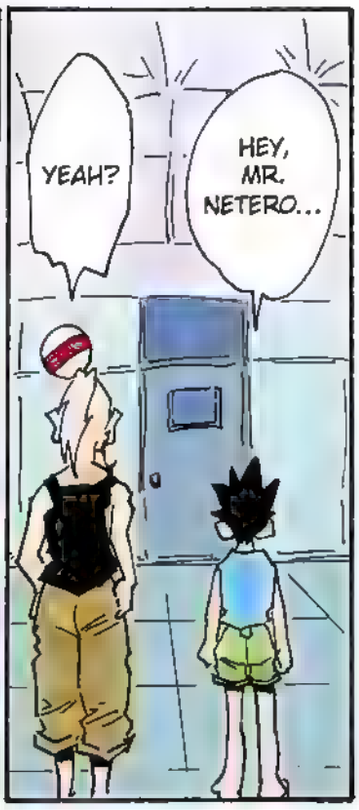
IT'S USELESS!! YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE THE BALL FROM HIM!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR A WORD I SAID?!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE BALL.

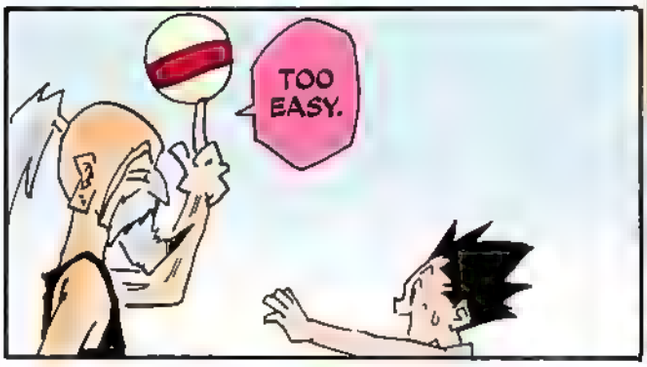

SLAM!


I'M GOING TO SLEEP.
OKAY, I GET IT. GOOD LUCK.

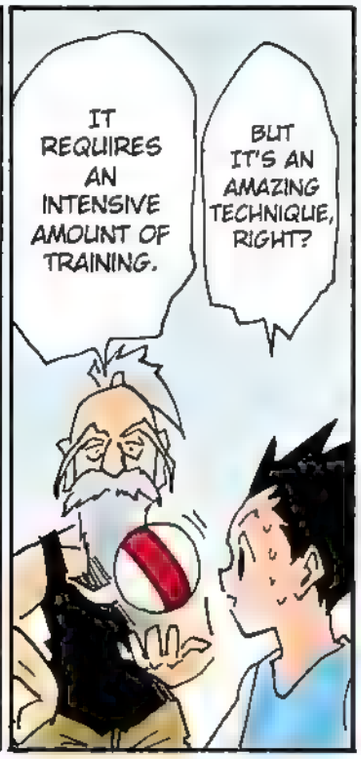
YOU HAVE NO NEED TO LEARN IT. IN FACT, YOU SHOULD EVER LEARN IT.
THAT... IT'S A TECHNIQUE FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN SHADY UNDERGROUND WORK.

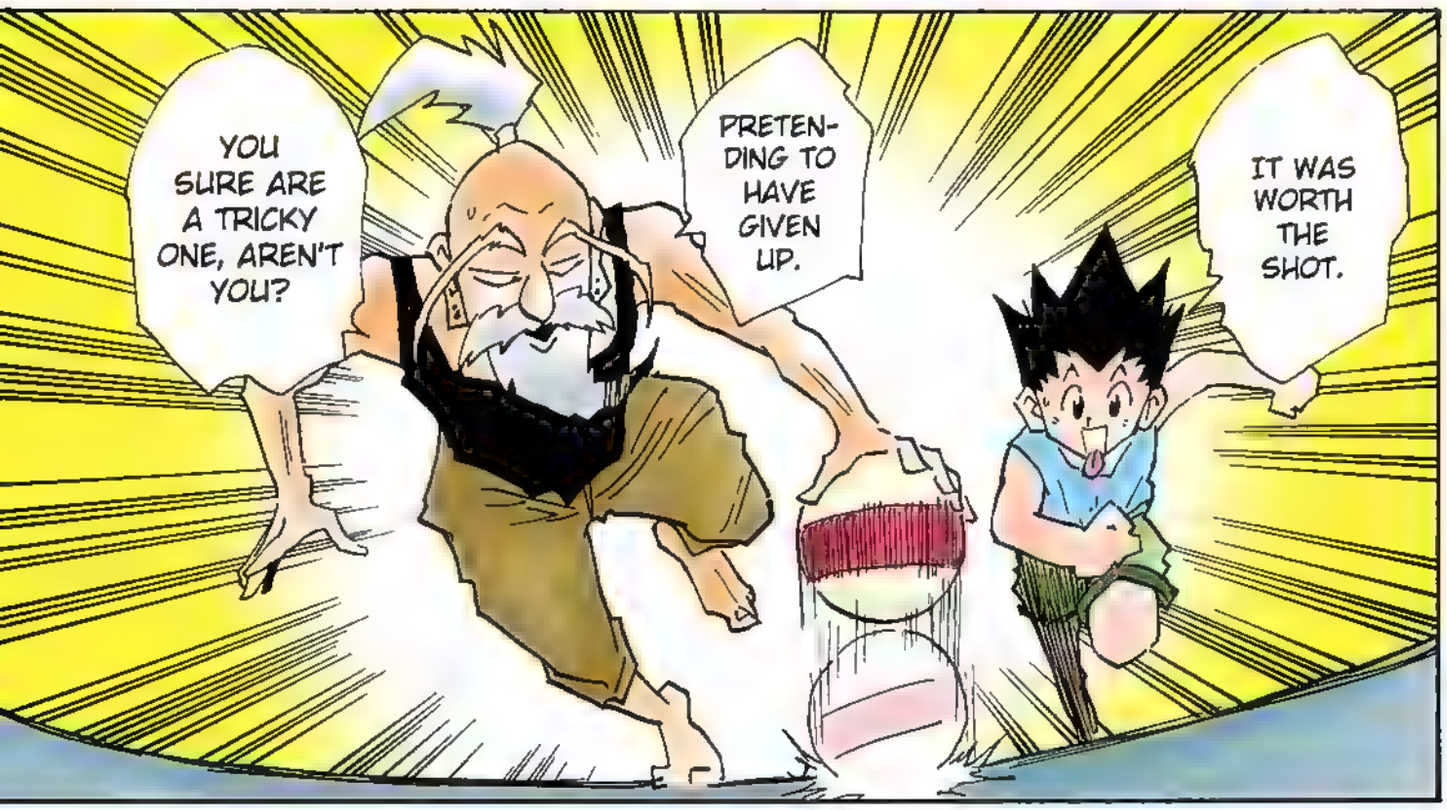

...AND IT MADE IT LOOK LIKE THERE WERE A BUNCH OF HIM?
HOW DID KILLUA DO THAT THING WHEN HE WALKED SLOWLY...

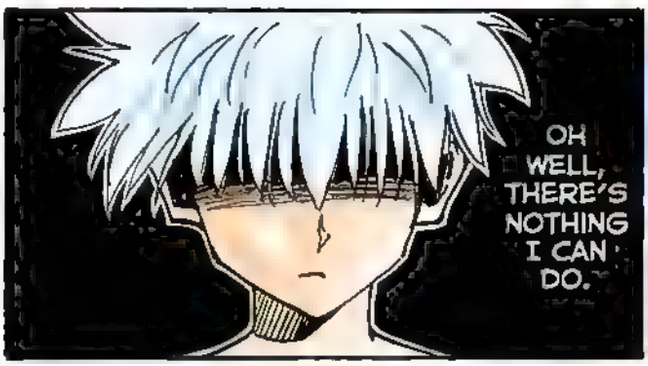

YEAH?
HEY, MR. NETERO...

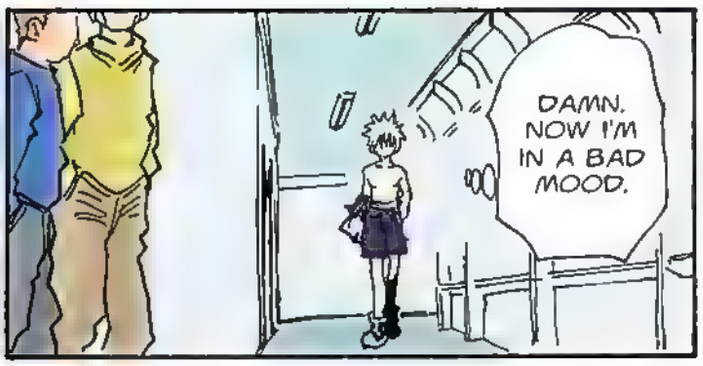

TOO EASY.

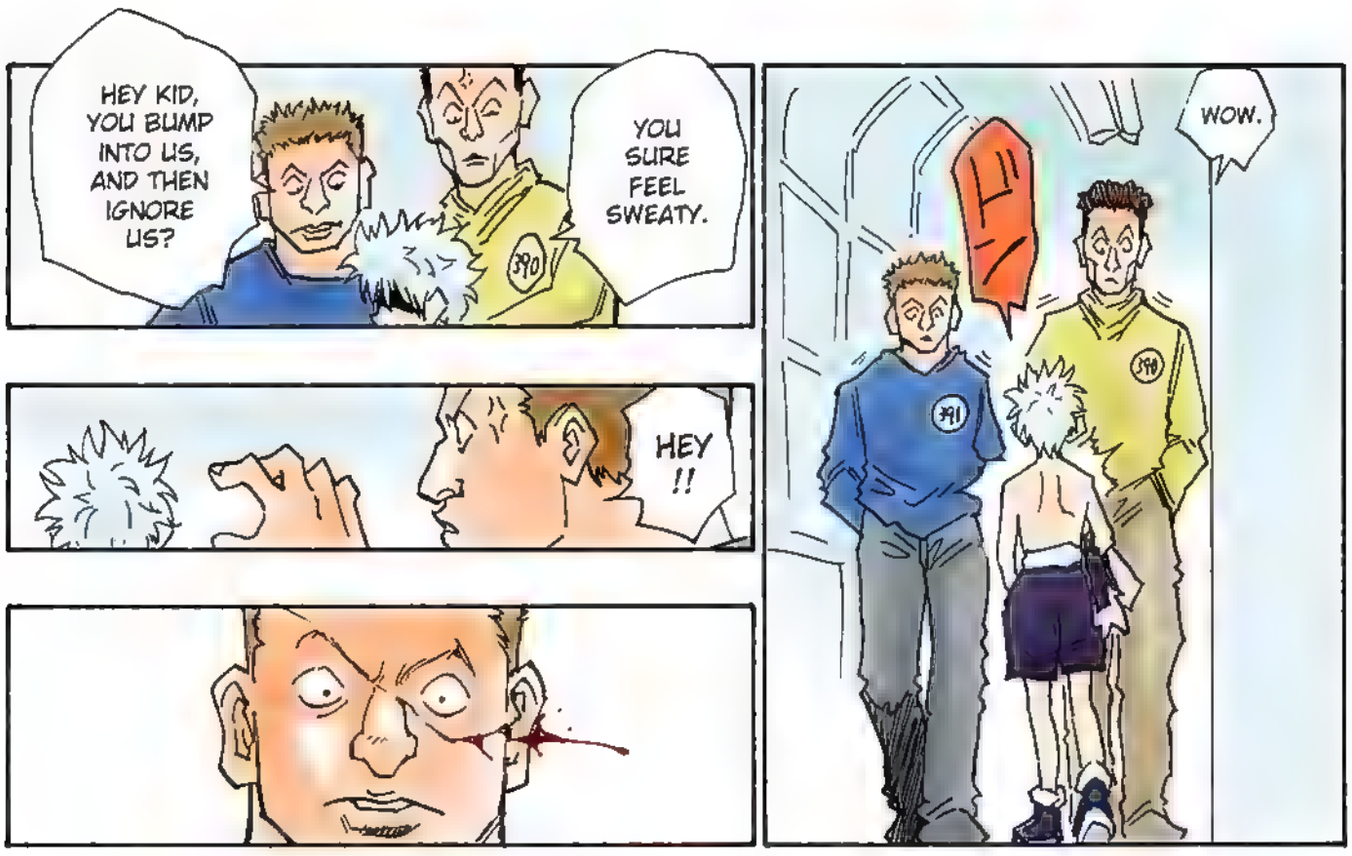
KILLUA'S AMAZING.


IT REQUIRES AN INTENSIVE AMOUNT OF TRAINING.
BUT IT'S AN AMAZING TECHNIQUE, RIGHT?


YOU SURE ARE A TRICKY ONE, AREN'T YOU?
PRETEN-DING TO HAVE GIVEN UP.
IT WAS WORTH THE SHOT.


OH WELL, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.


DAMN. NOW I'M IN A BAD MOOD.


HEY KID, YOU BUMP INTO US, AND THEN IGNORE US?
YOU SURE FEEL SWEATY.
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HEY !!
WOW.
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...I WOULD'VE WANTED THAT BALL ENOUGH TO KILL THAT OLD MAN FOR IT.
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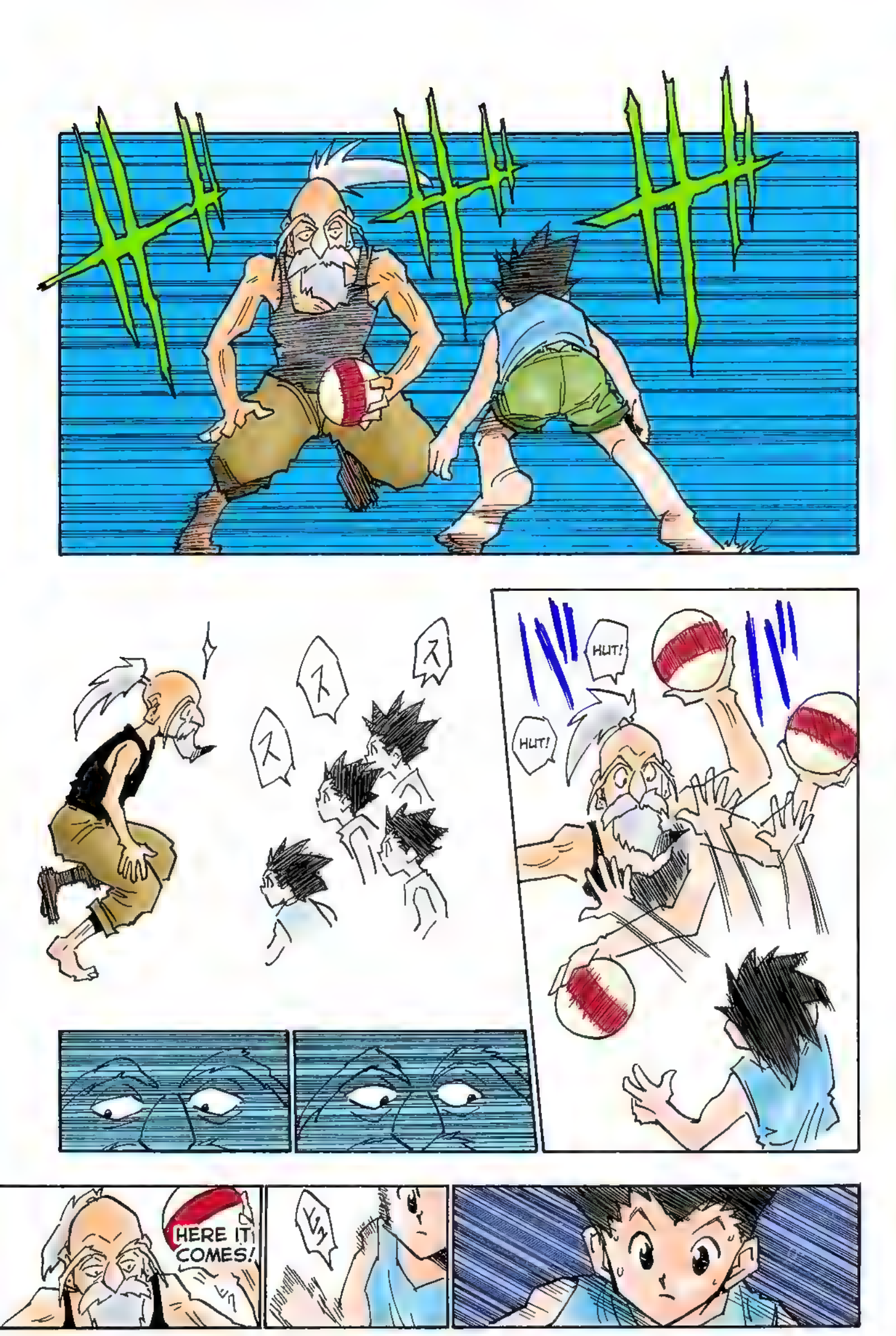
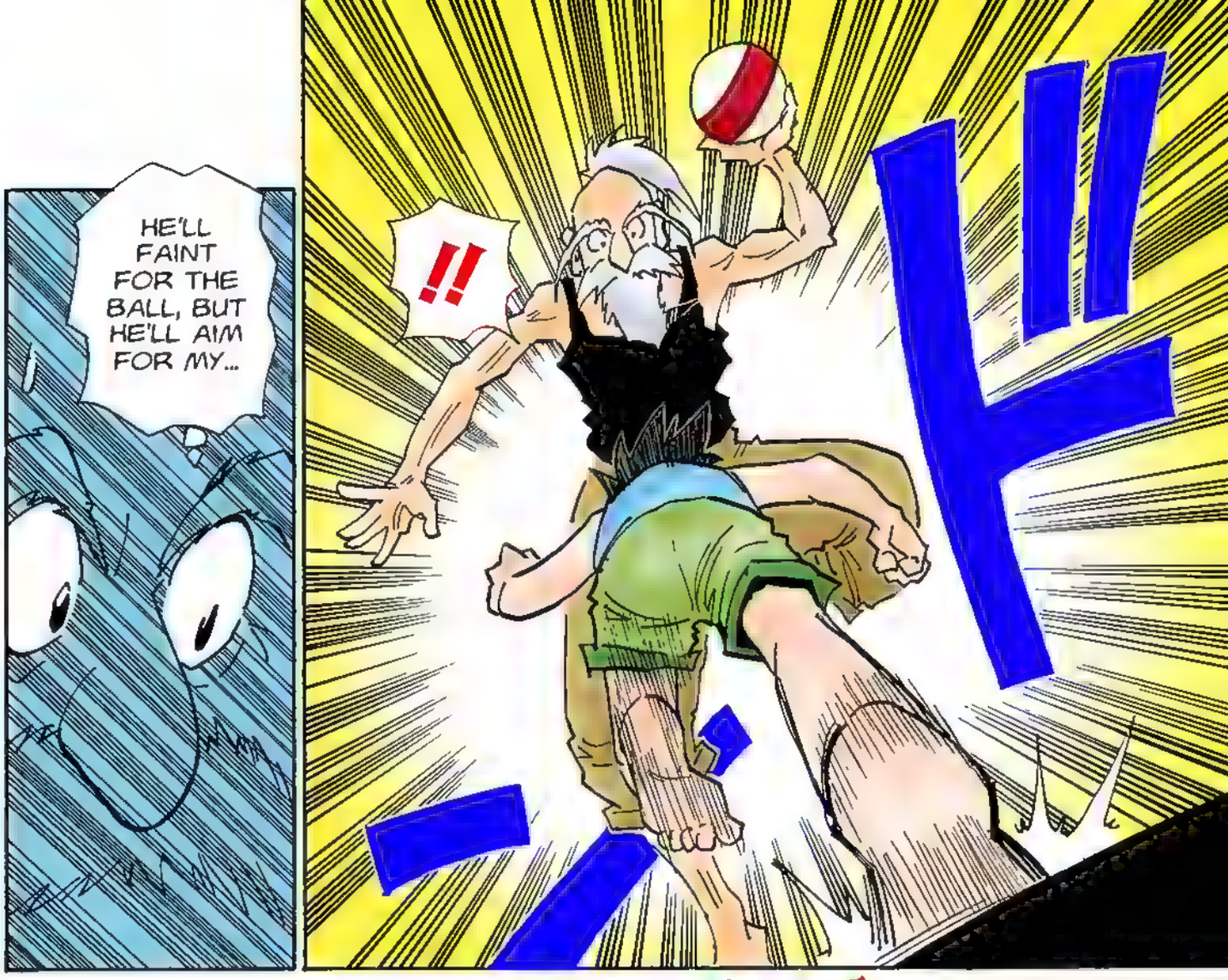
IF I HADN'T STOPPED THEN...


HUT!
HUT!
HERE IT COMES!


HE'LL FAINT FOR THE BALL, BUT HE'LL AIM FOR MY...
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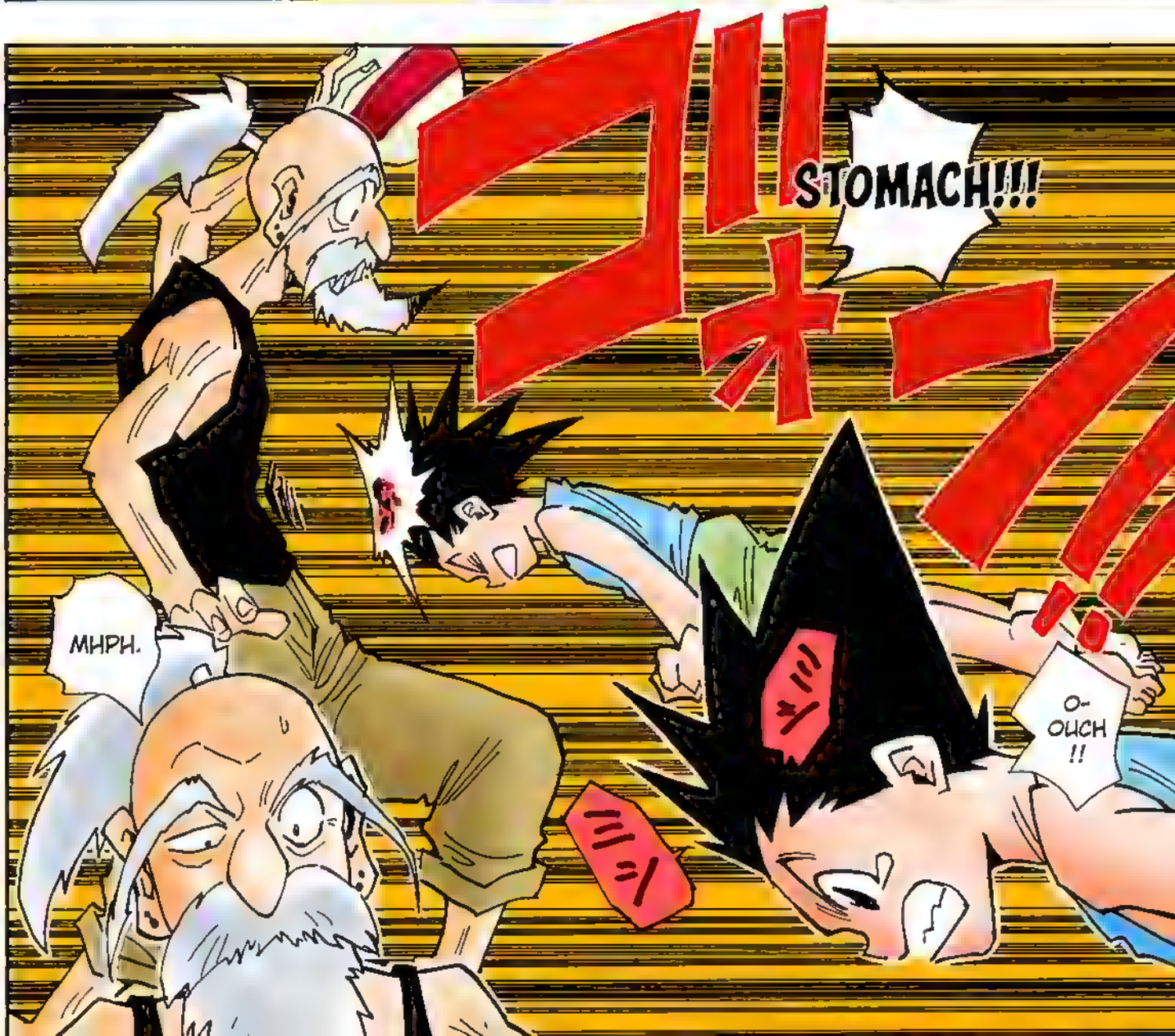
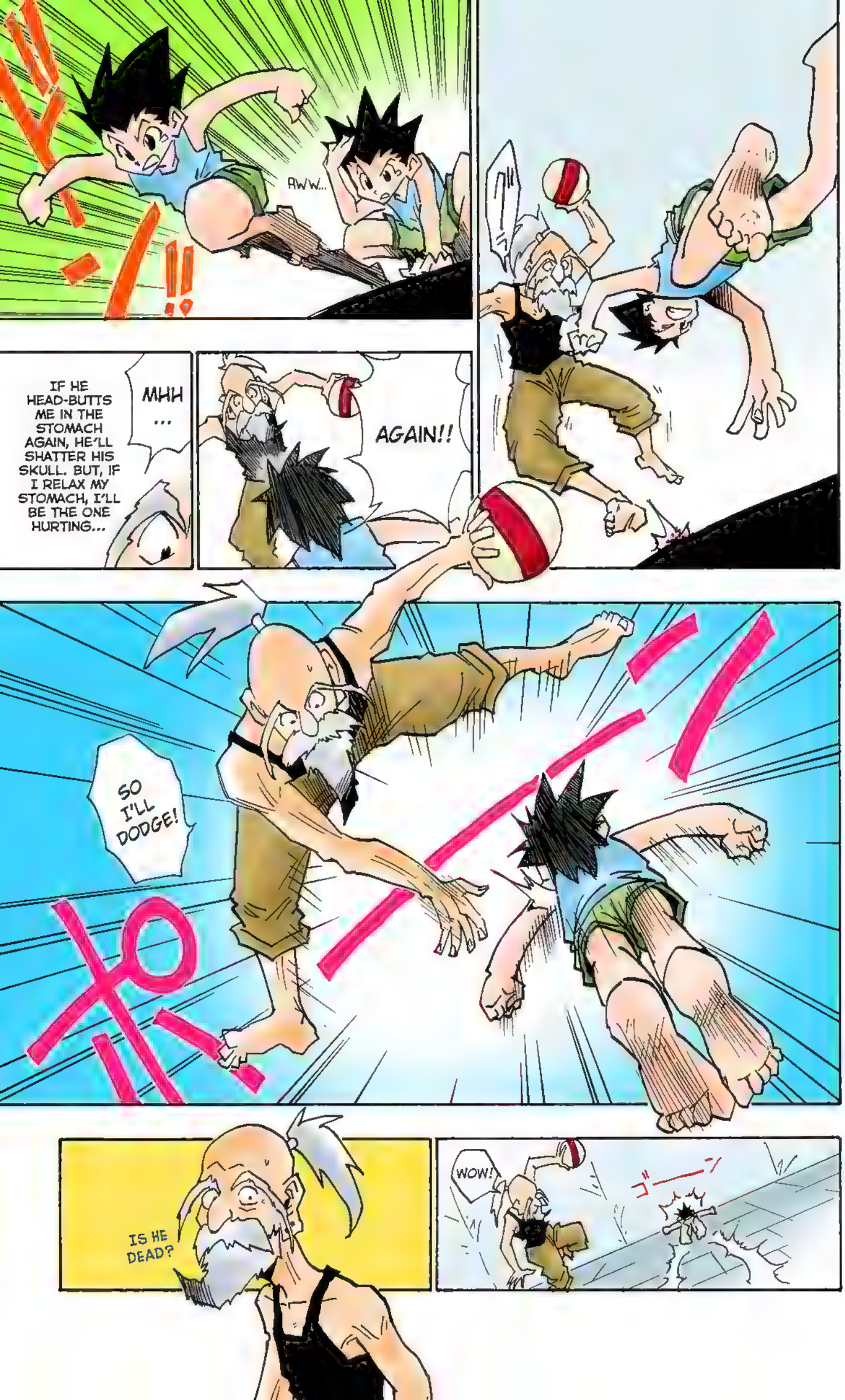

STOMACH!!!
MHPH.
O-OUCH !!


AWW...
IF HE HEAD-BUTTS ME IN THE STOMACH AGAIN, HE'LL SHATTER HIS SKULL. BUT, IF I RELAX MY STOMACH, I'LL BE THE ONE HURTING...
MHH ...
AGAIN!!
SO I'LL DODGE!
IS HE DEAD?
WOW!
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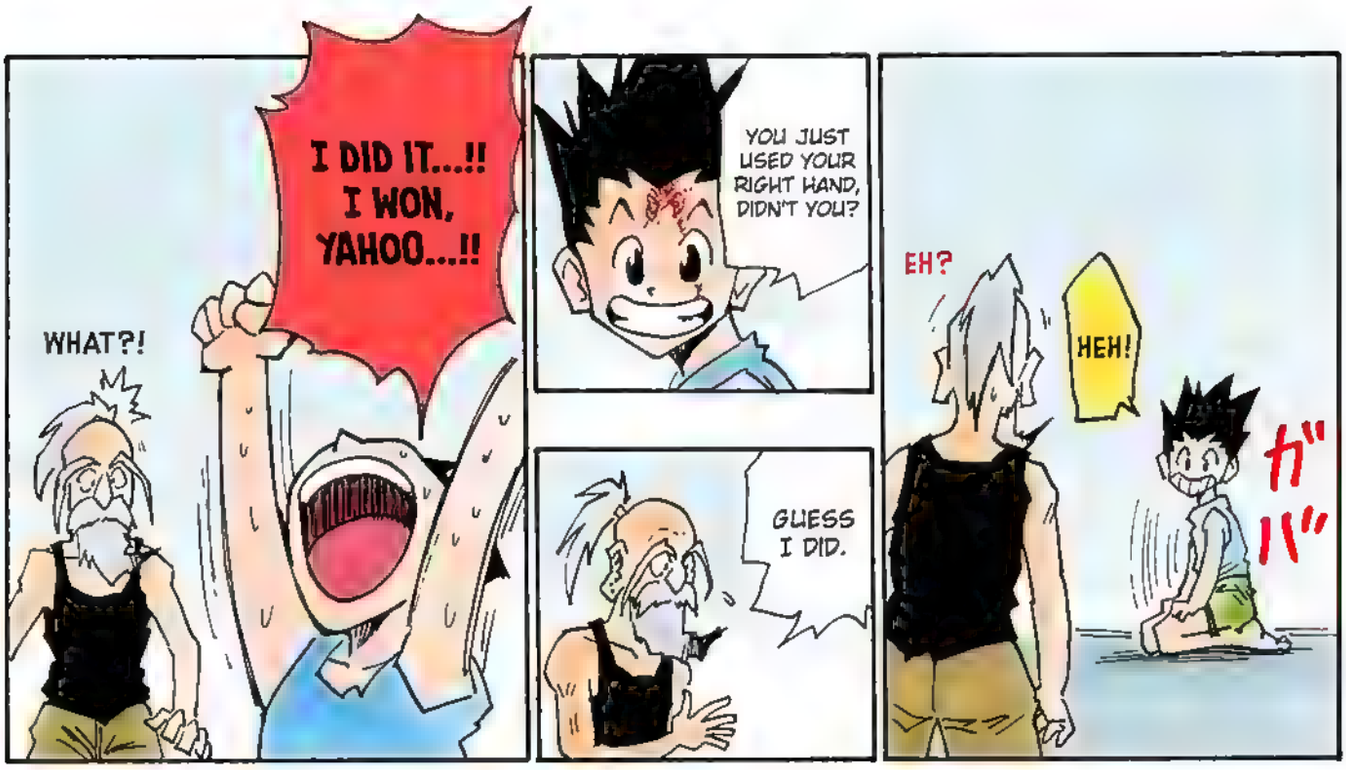
WHAT?!
I DID IT...!! I WON, YAHOO...!!
YOU JUST USED YOUR RIGHT HAND, DIDN'T YOU?
GUESS I DID.
EH?
HEH!
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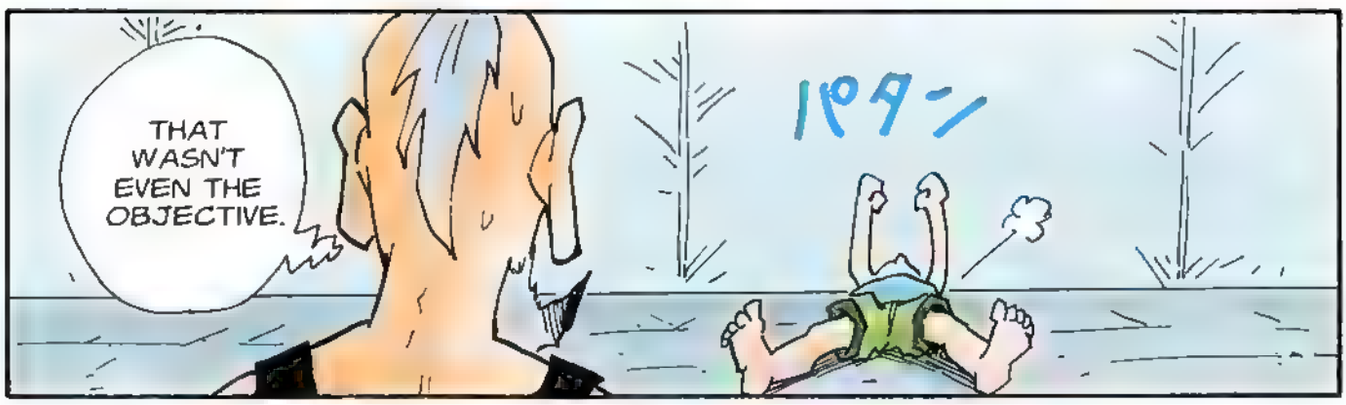
THAT WASN'T EVEN THE OBJECTIVE.
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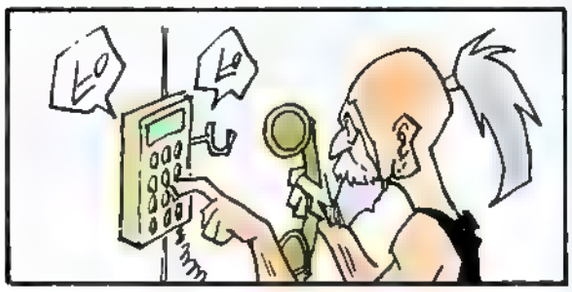
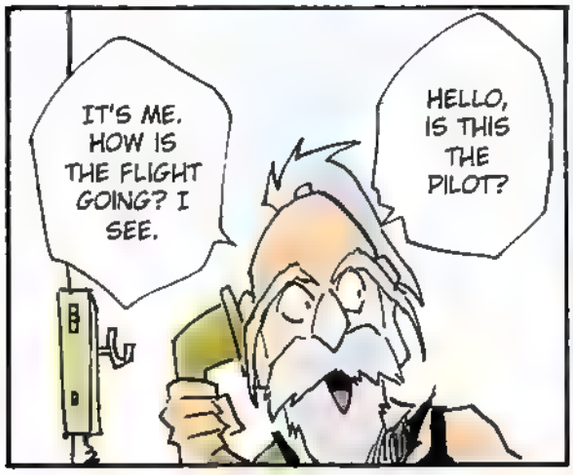
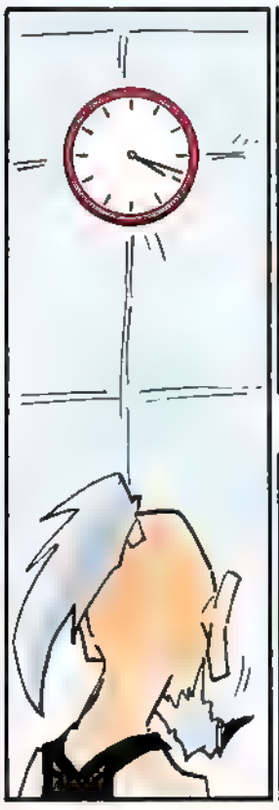
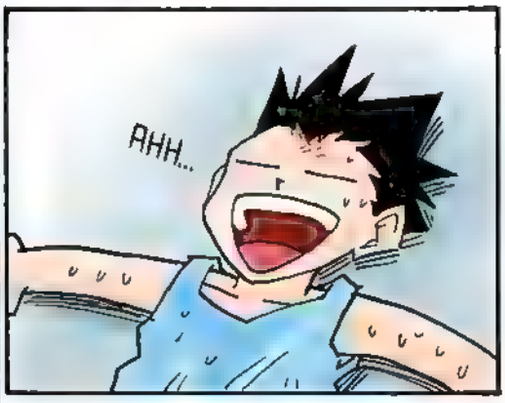



IT'S ME. HOW IS THE FLIGHT GOING? I SEE.
HELLO, IS THIS THE PILOT?




AHH...

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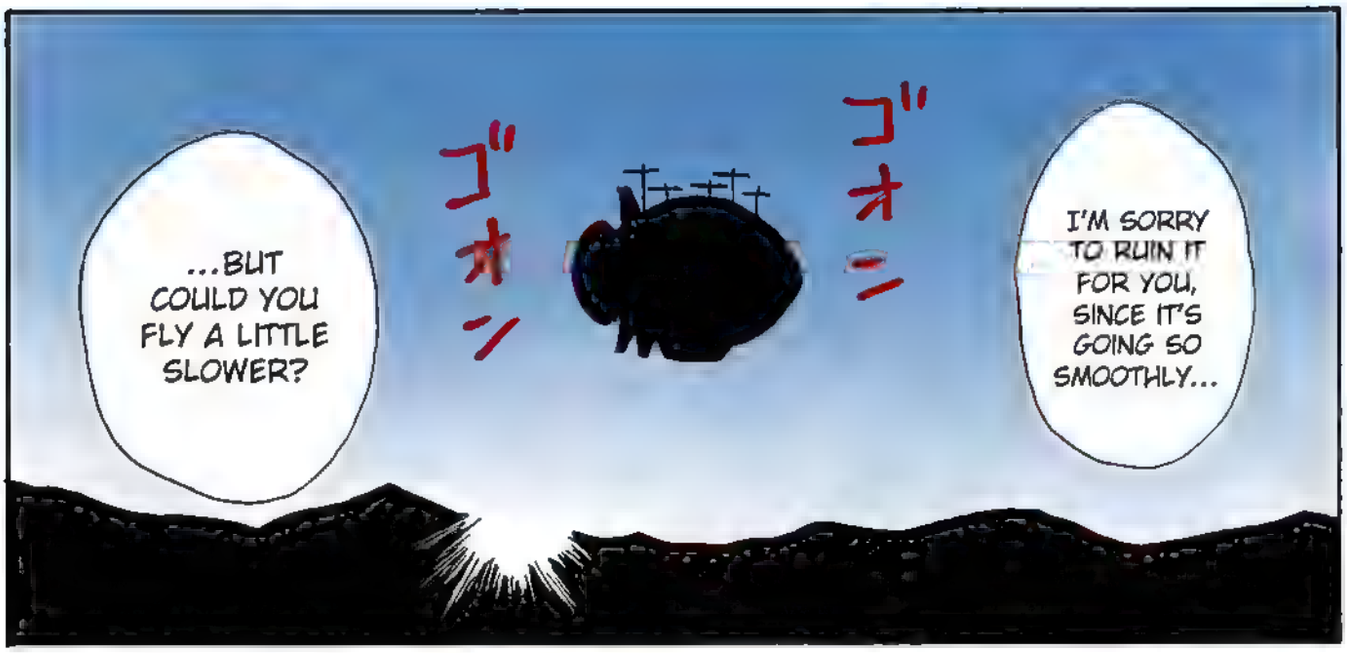
...BUT COULD YOU FLY A LITTLE SLOWER?
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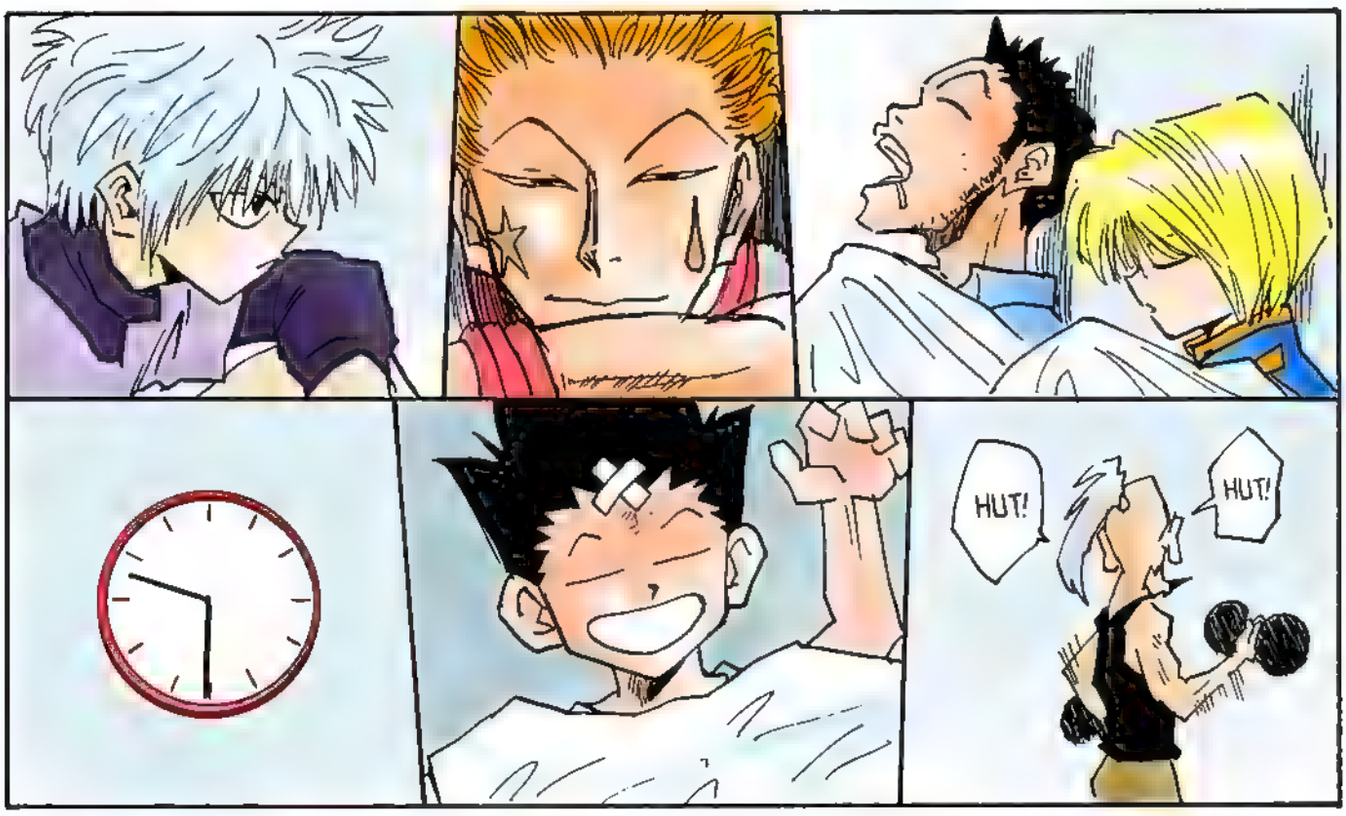
I'M SORRY TO RUIN IT FOR YOU, SINCE IT'S GOING SO SMOOTHLY...


HUT!
HUT!

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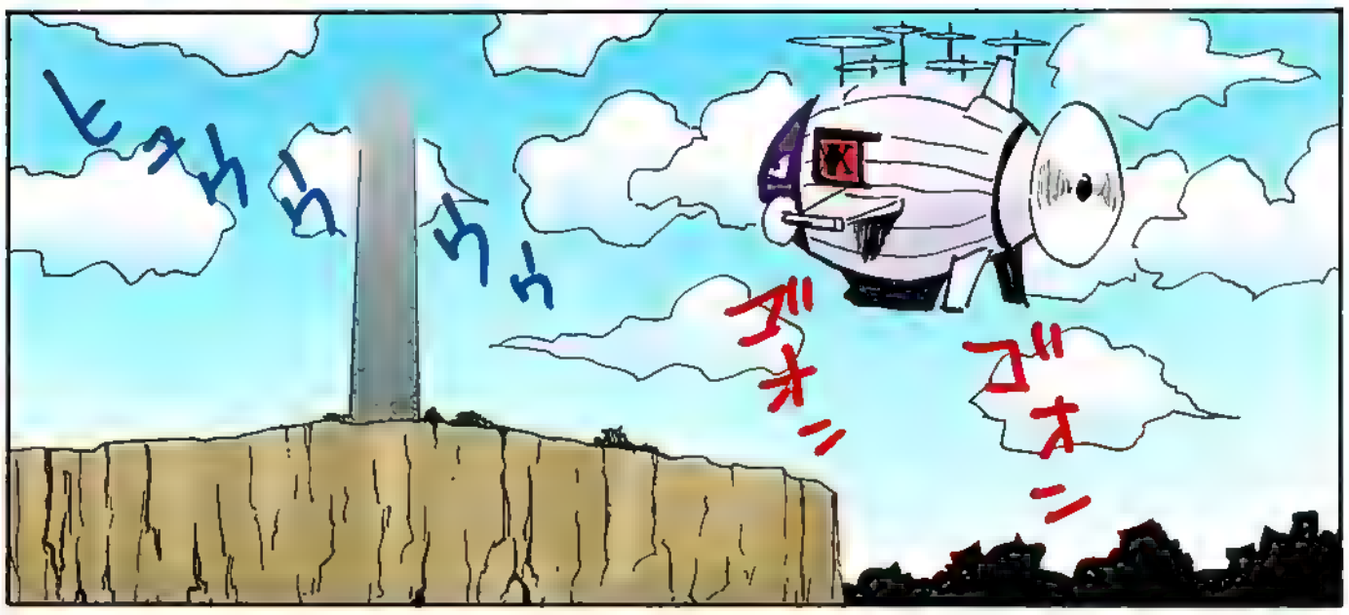
THE AIRSHIP WILL SOON ARRIVE AT ITS DESTINATION.
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY.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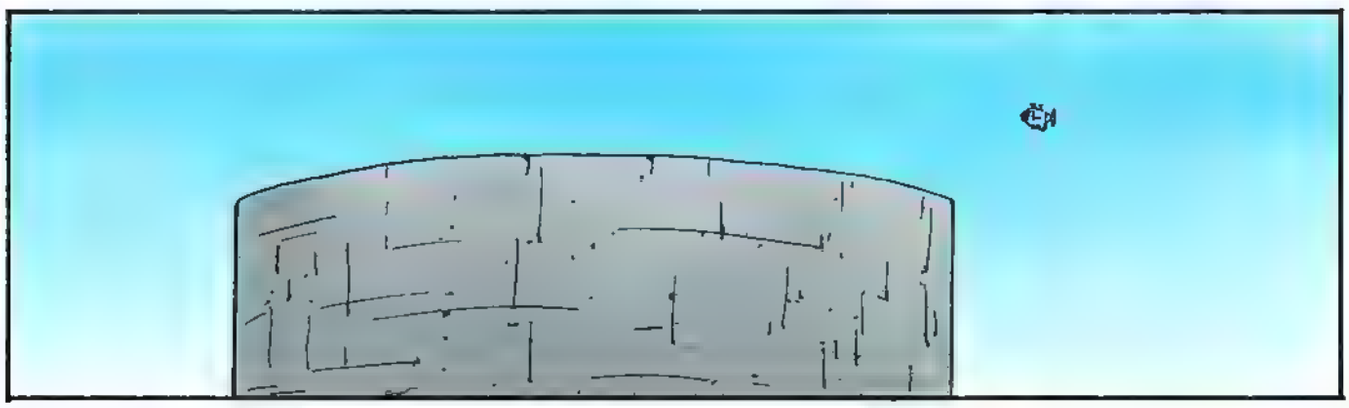
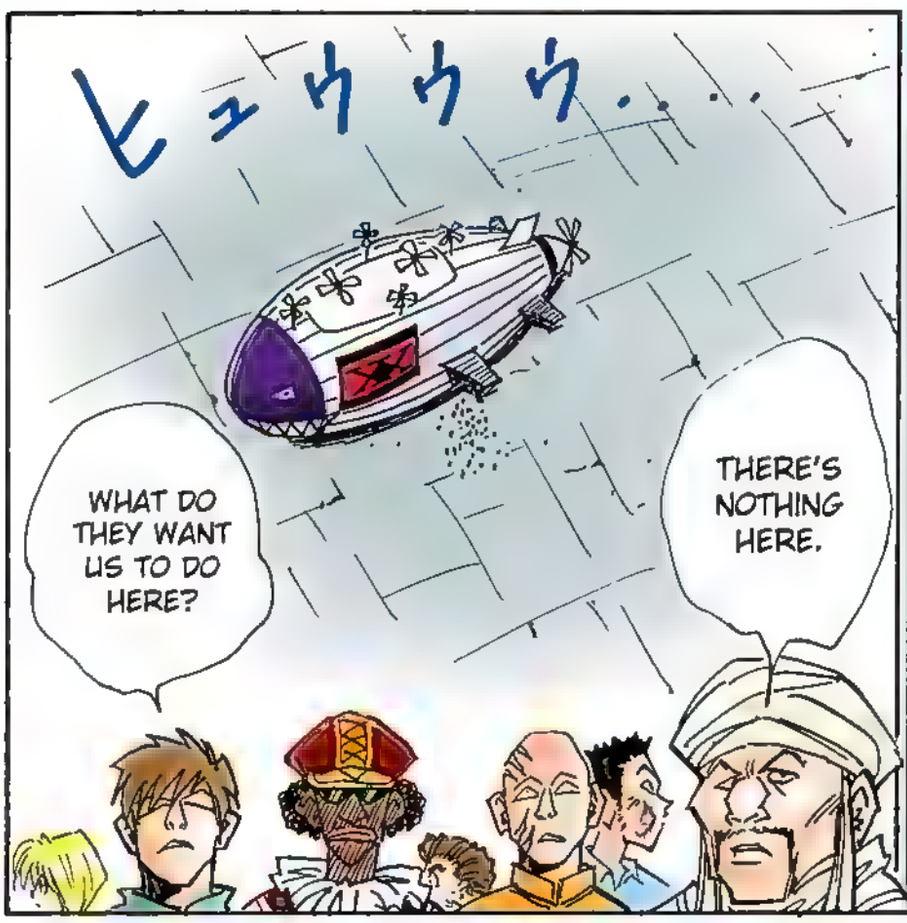
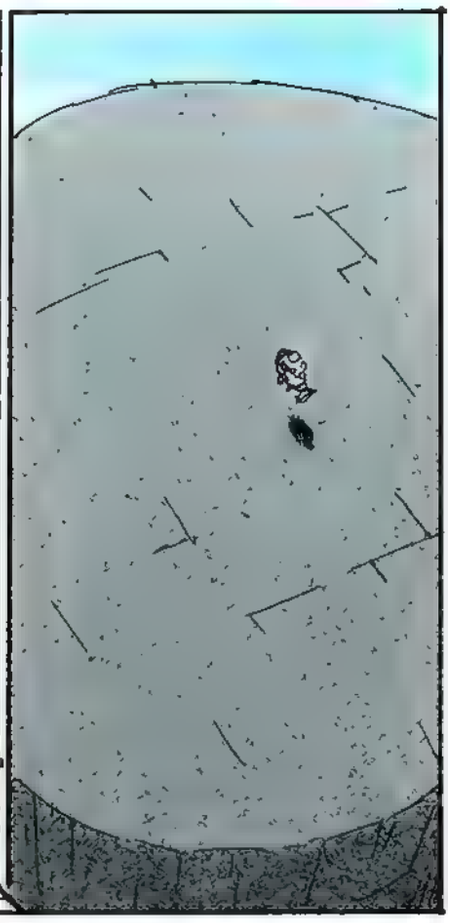
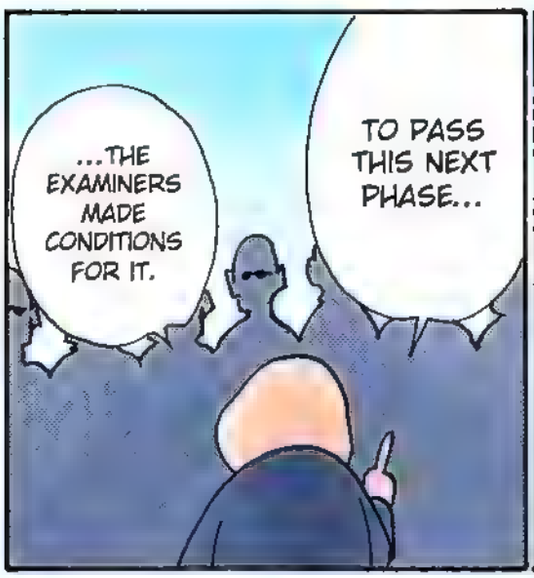
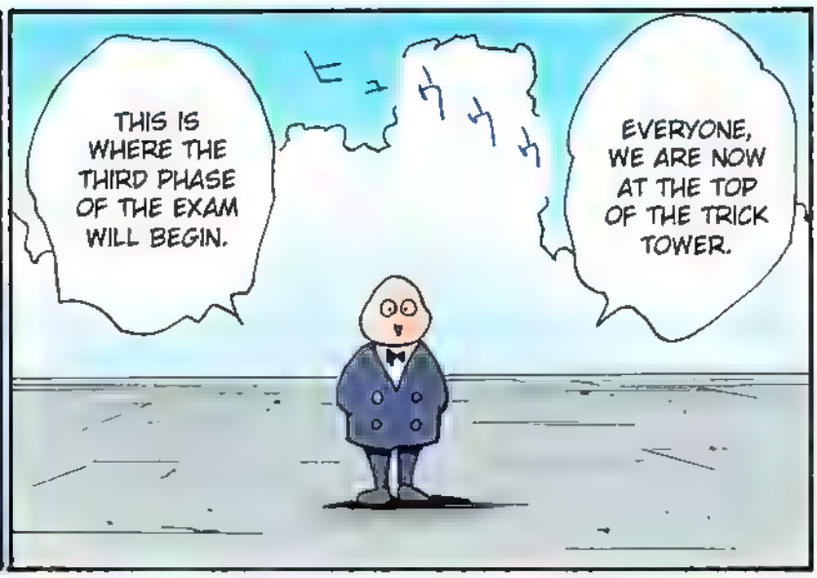
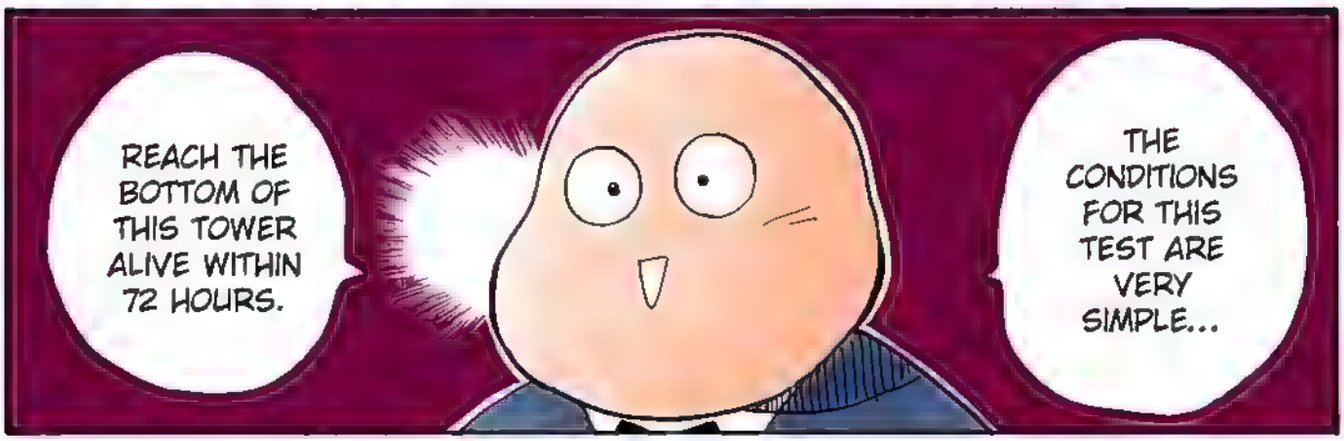


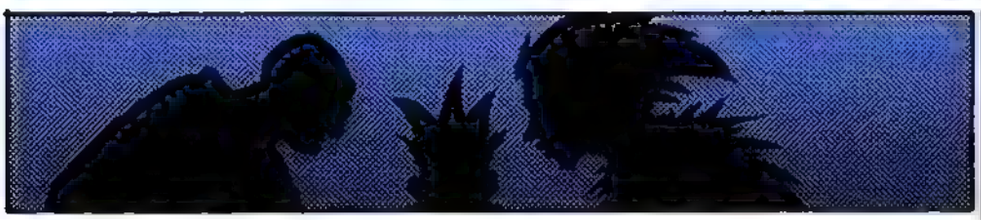

ヒュウウウ...
WHAT DO THEY WANT US TO DO HERE?
THERE'S NOTHING HERE.

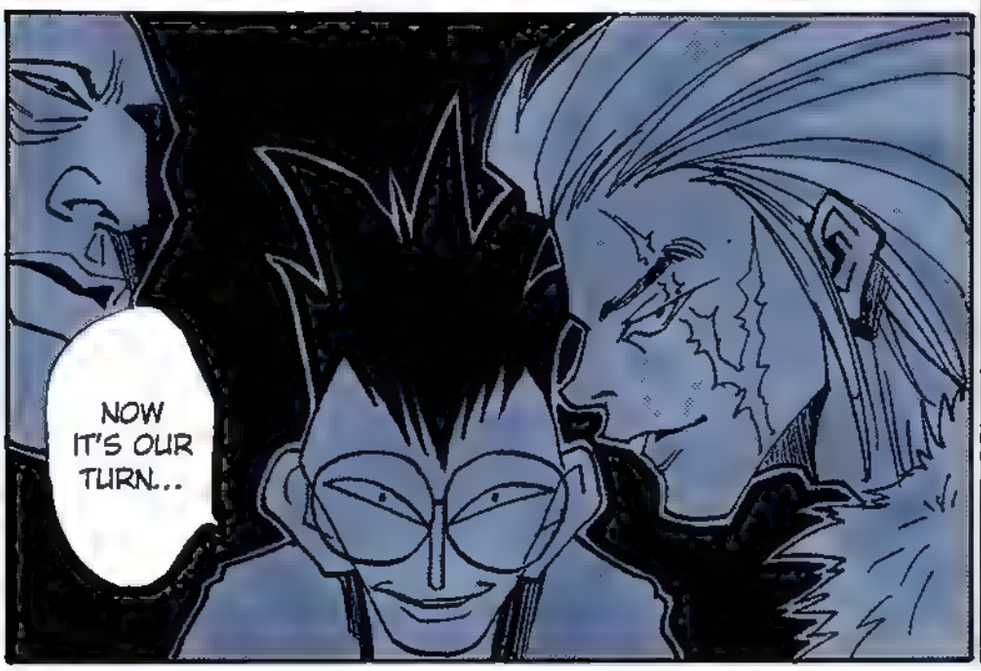


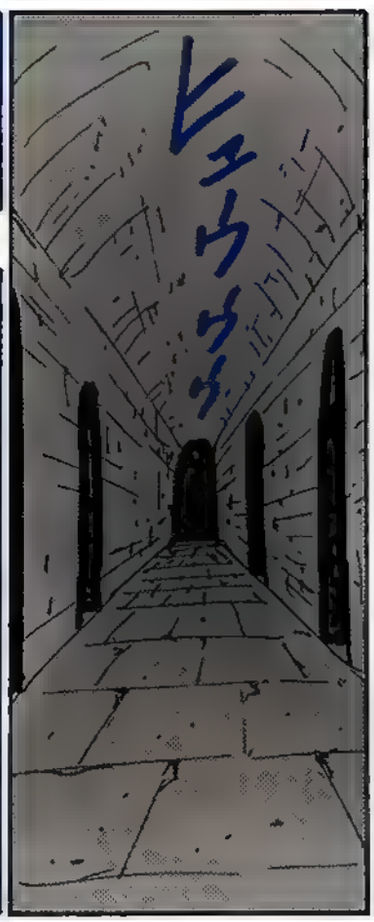

...THE EXAMINERS MADE CONDITIONS FOR IT.
TO PASS THIS NEXT PHASE...


THIS IS WHERE THE THIRD PHASE OF THE EXAM WILL BEGIN.
EVERYONE, WE ARE NOW AT THE TOP OF THE TRICK TOWER.


REACH THE BOTTOM OF THIS TOWER ALIVE WITHIN 72 HOURS.
THE CONDITIONS FOR THIS TEST ARE VERY SIMPLE...




NOW IT'S OUR TURN...



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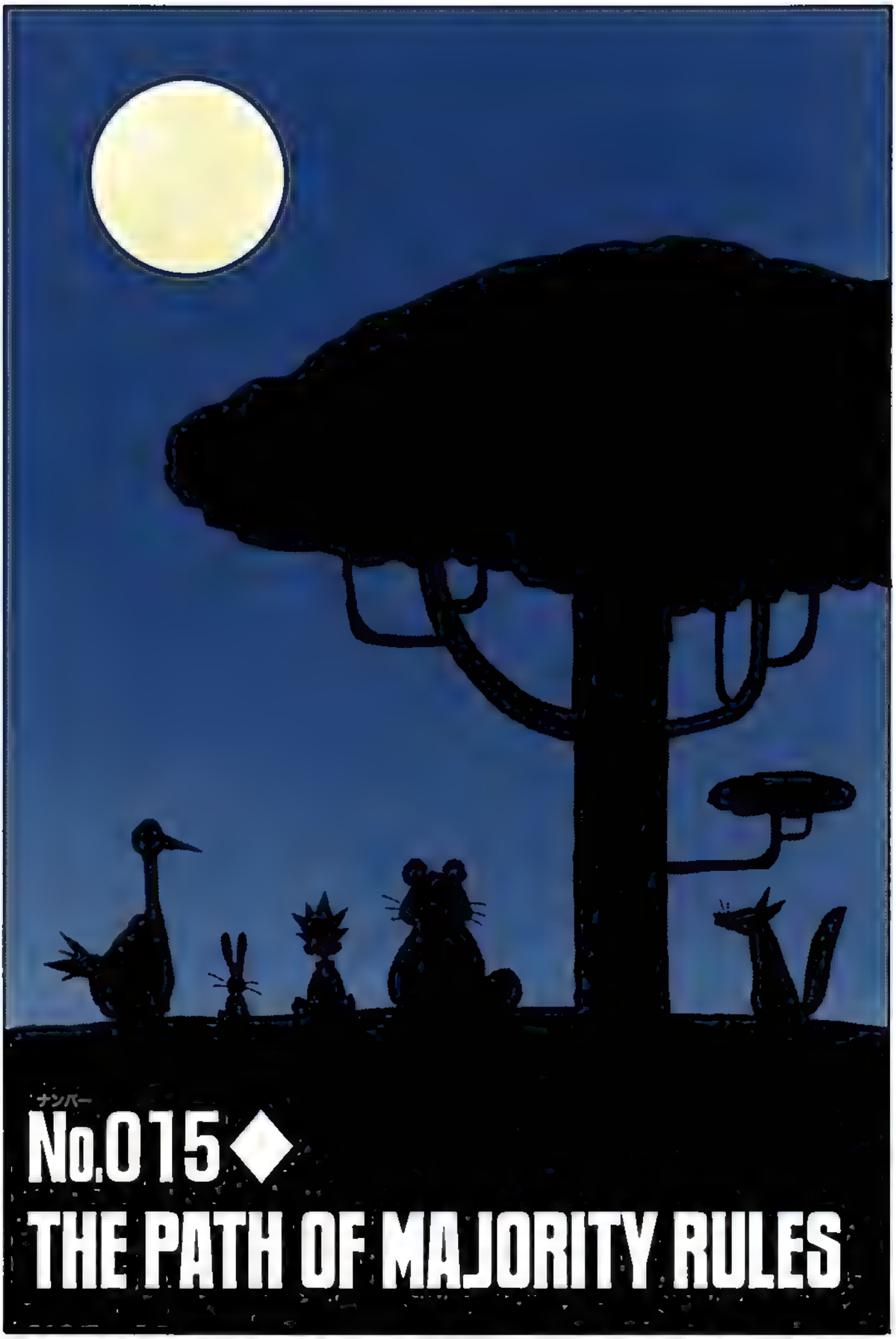

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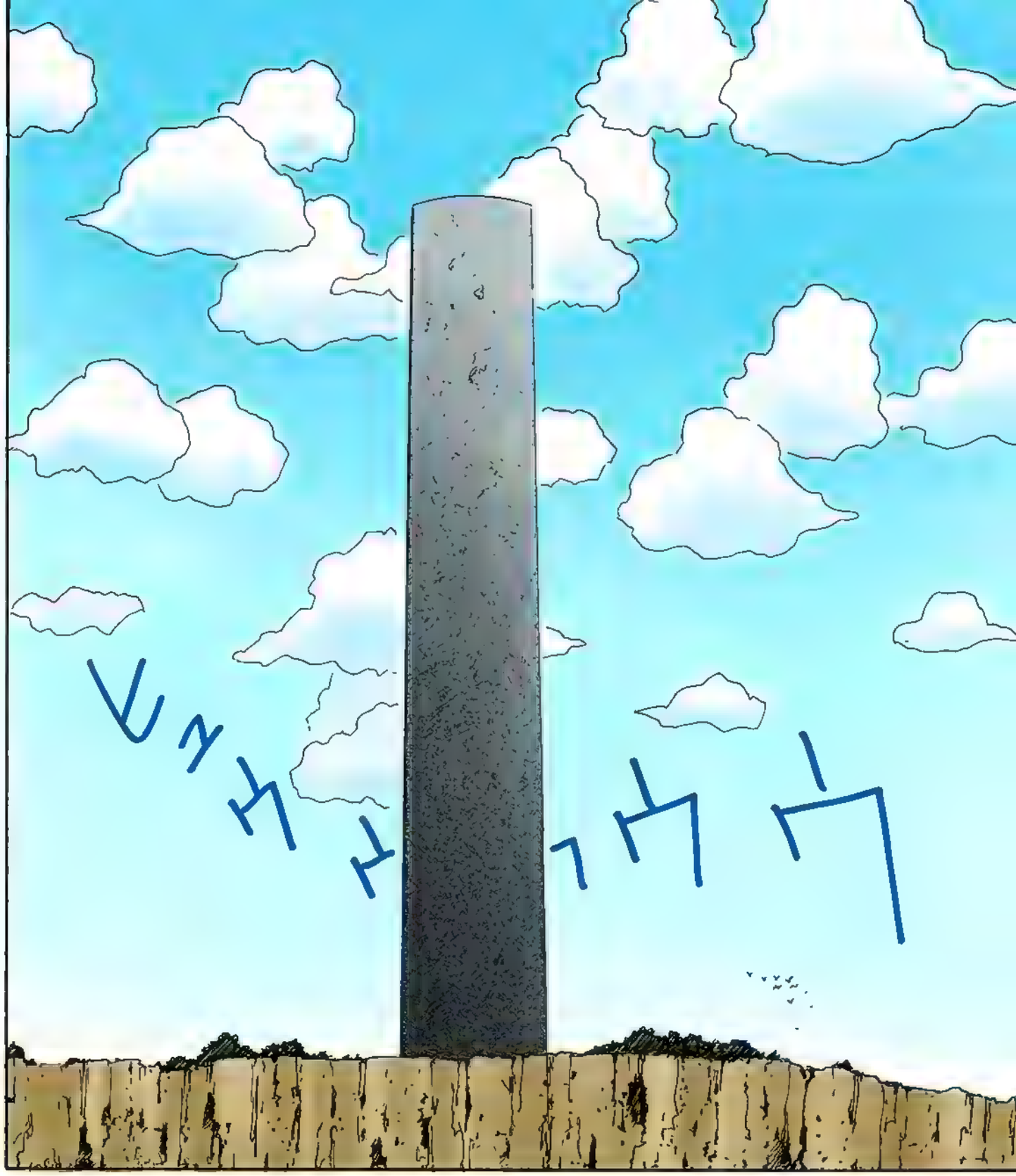

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ENTERING THE 3RD PHASE: 40.
EVERYONE, PLEASE DO YOUR BEST!
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GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL!!

...WITHIN A 72 HOUR PERIOD.
REACH THE BOTTOM OF THIS TOWER ALIVE...

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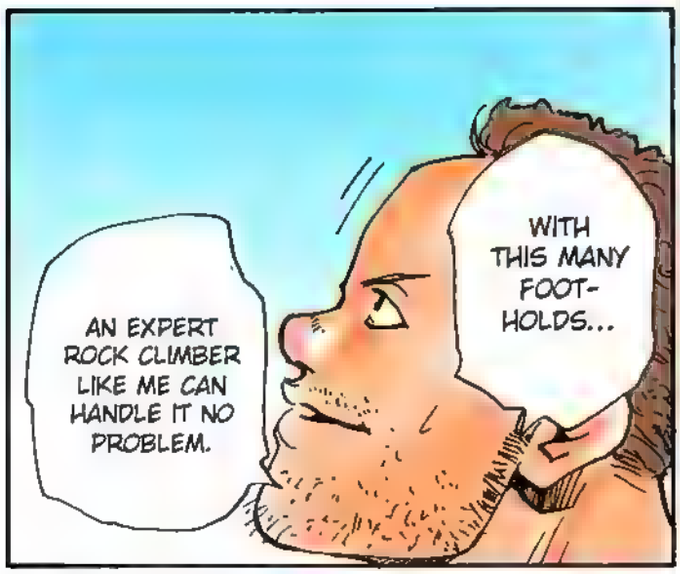
MAYBE FOR AN ORDINARY PERSON.

GOING DOWN LIKE THAT WOULD BE SUICIDE.
I DON'T SEE ANY WINDOWS ON THE SIDE.


AN EXPERT ROCK CLIMBER LIKE ME CAN HANDLE IT NO PROBLEM.
WITH THIS MANY FOOT-HOLDS...

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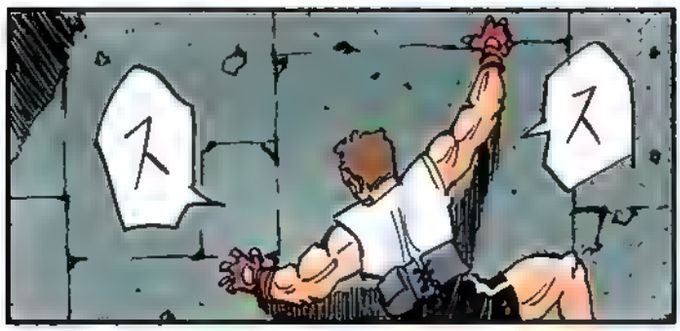
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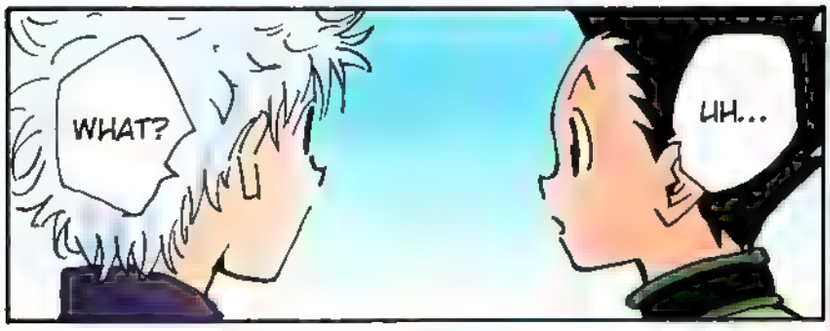
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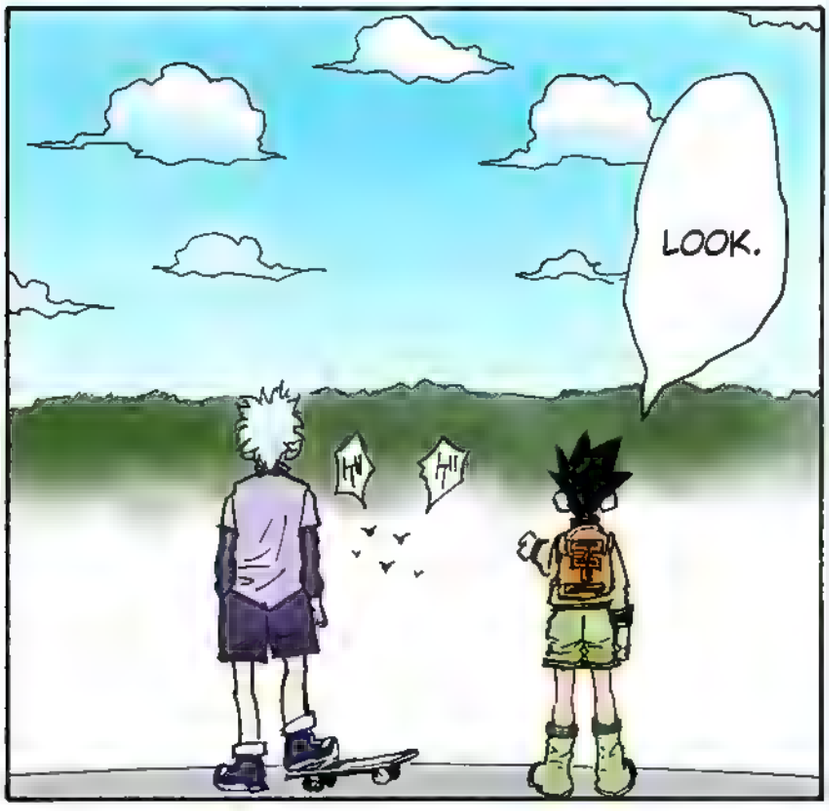
UH...


LOOK.
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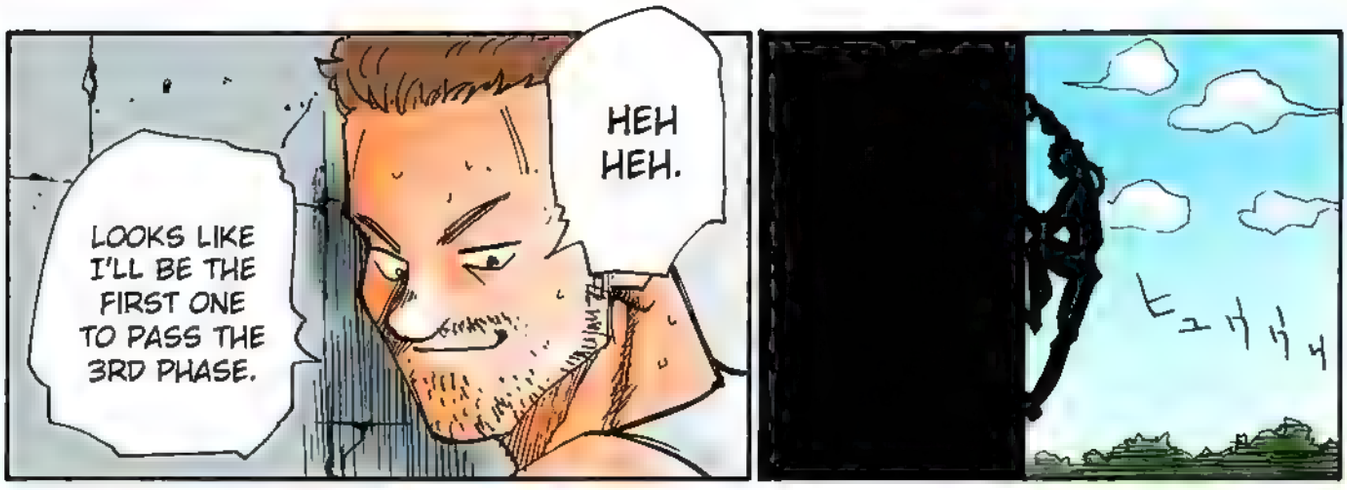
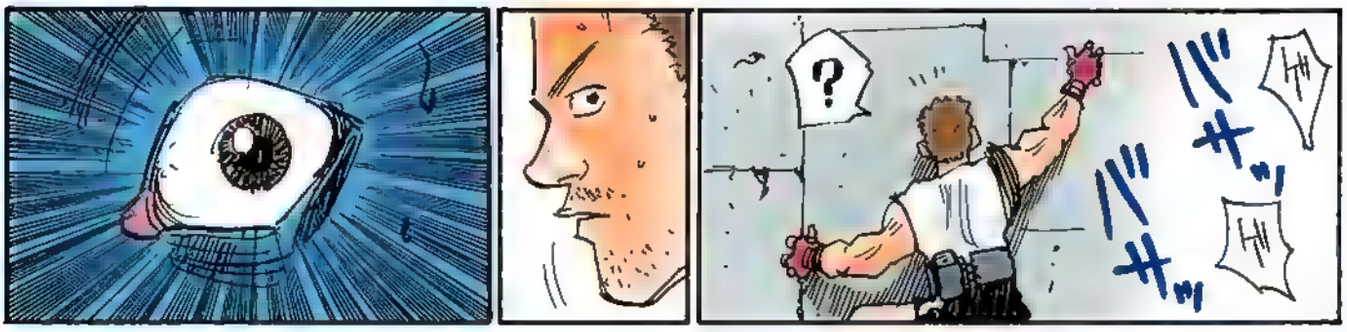
HE'S GOING DOWN PRETTY FAST.
WHOA!


LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE THE FIRST ONE TO PASS THE 3RD PHASE.
HEH HEH.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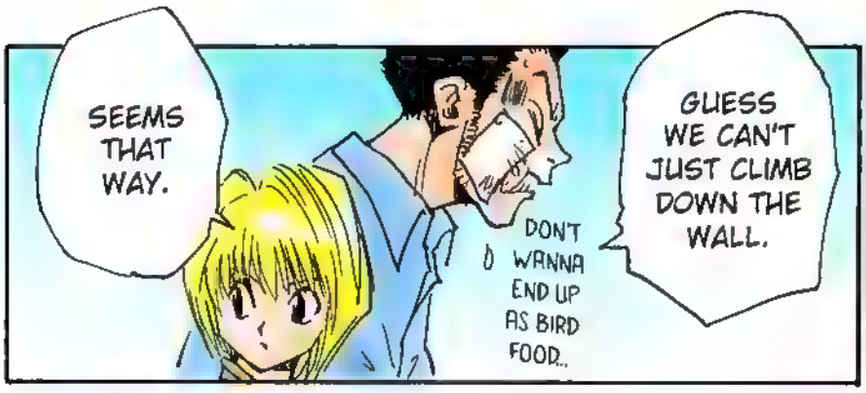
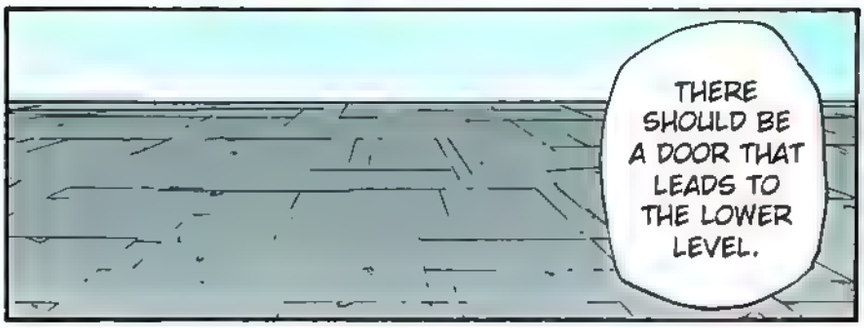
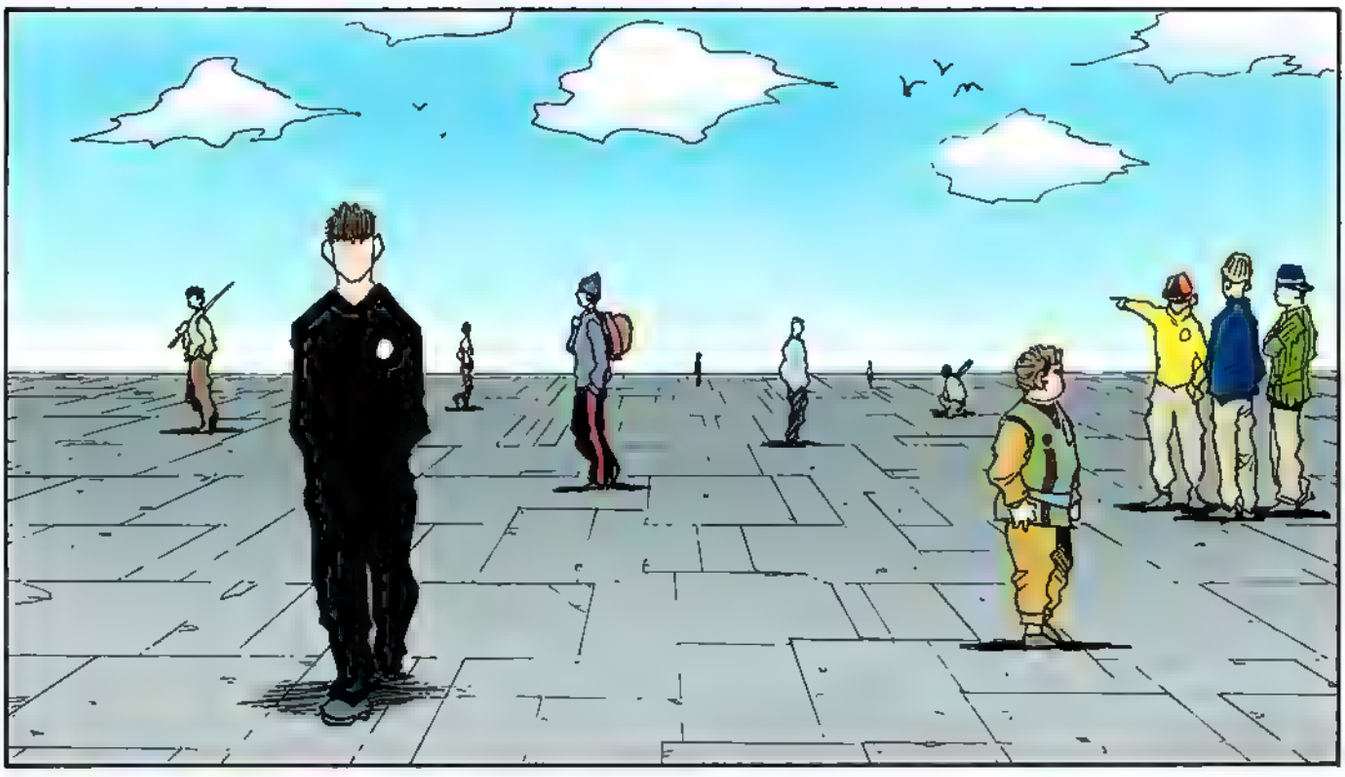

SEEMS THAT WAY.
GUESS WE CAN'T JUST CLIMB DOWN THE WALL.
DON'T WANNA END UP AS BIRD FOOD..


THERE SHOULD BE A DOOR THAT LEADS TO THE LOWER LEVEL.



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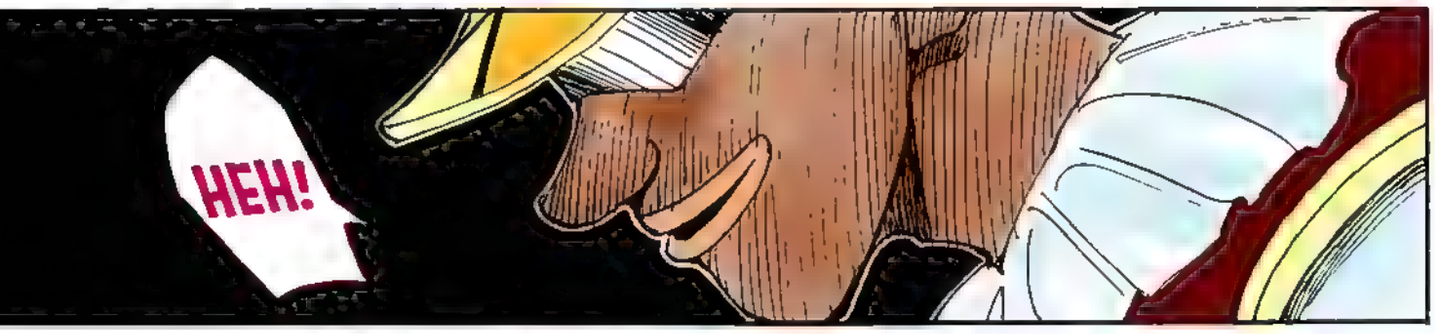
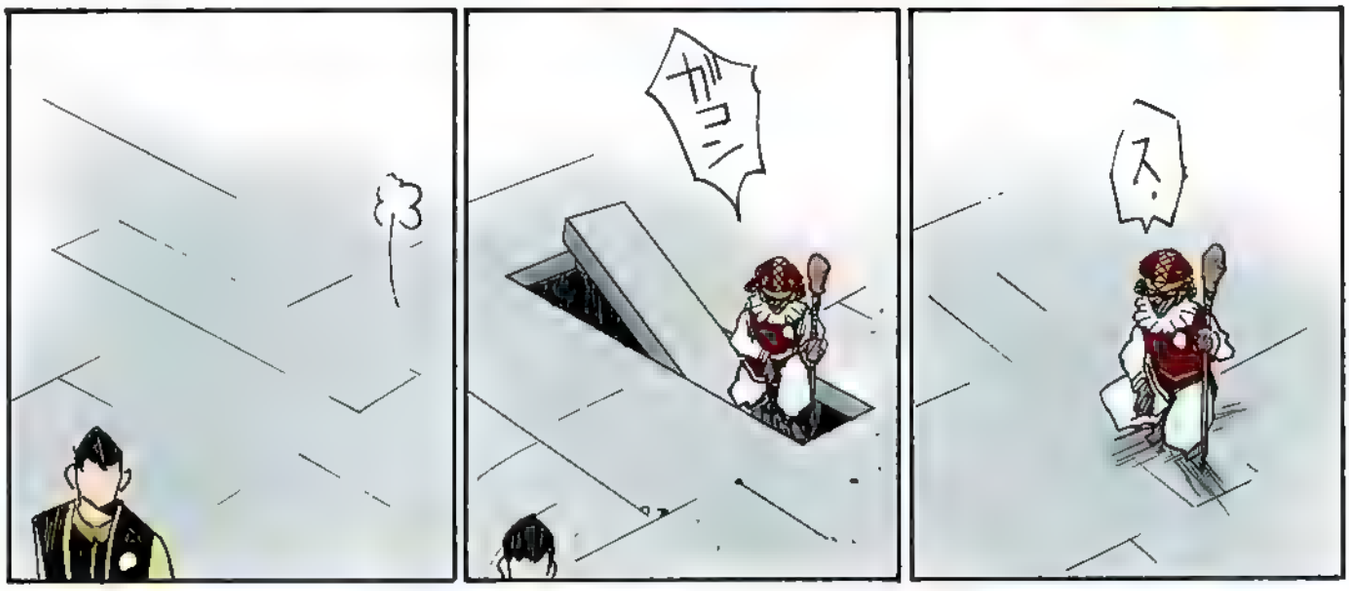

HEH!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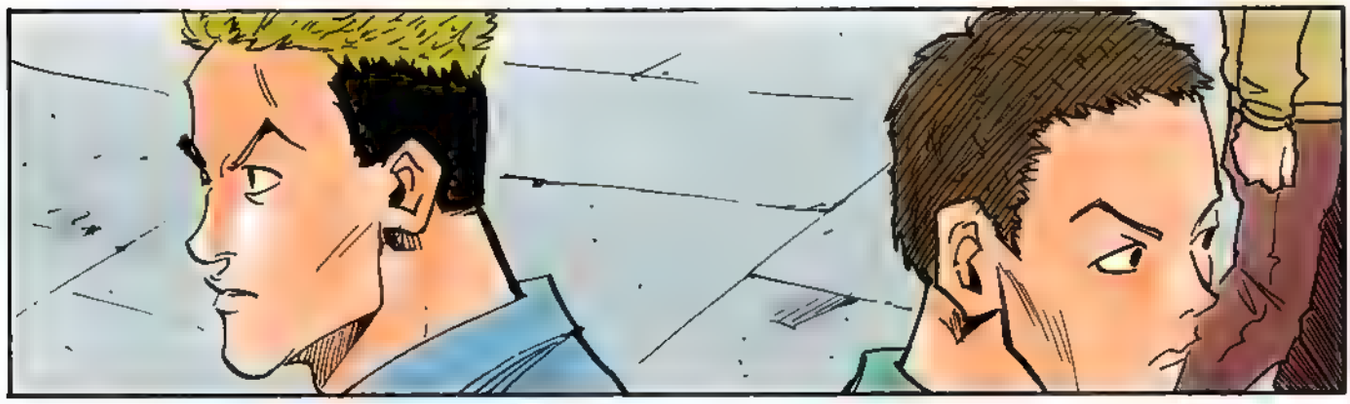

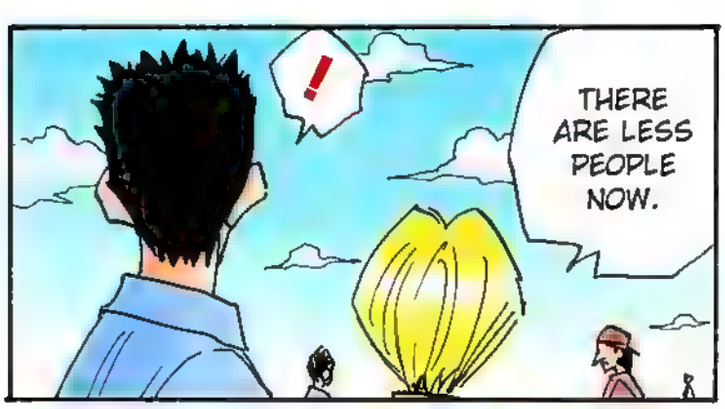
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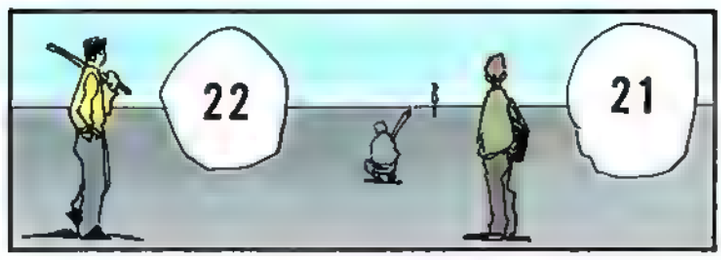
THERE ARE LESS PEOPLE NOW.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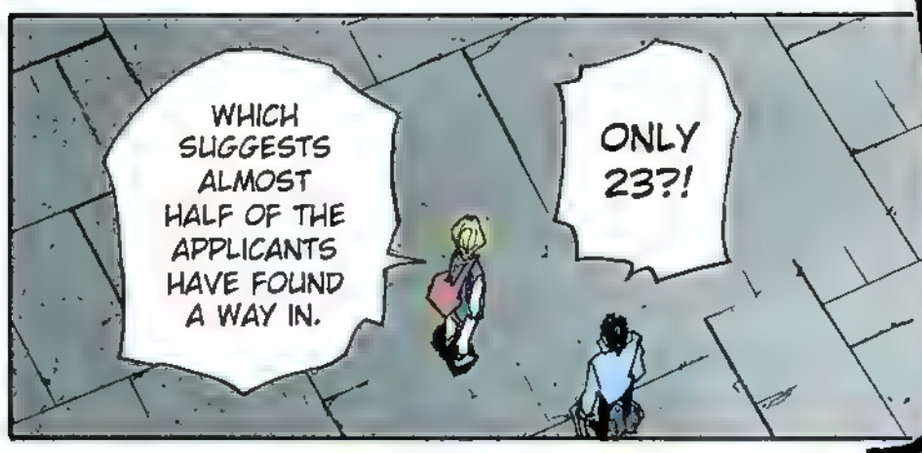
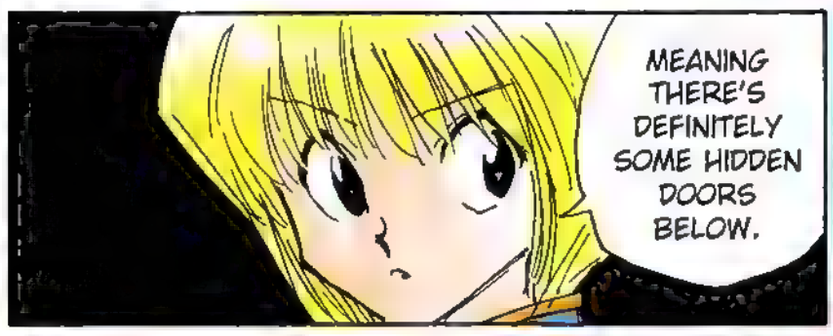
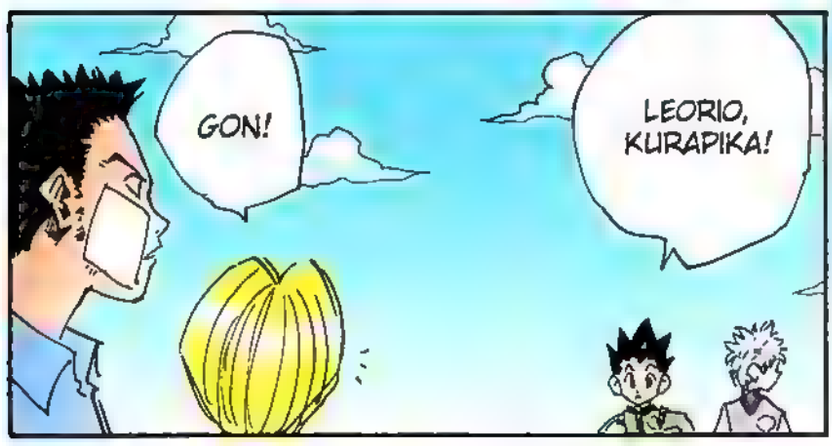

WHICH SUGGESTS ALMOST HALF OF THE APPLICANTS HAVE FOUND A WAY IN.
ONLY 23?!


MEANING THERE'S DEFINITELY SOME HIDDEN DOORS BELOW.


GON!
LEORIO, KURAPIKA!

WHAT IS IT?
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I GUESS EVERYONE HAD THE SAME IDEA.
NO WAY. HOW DID THEY DO THAT?
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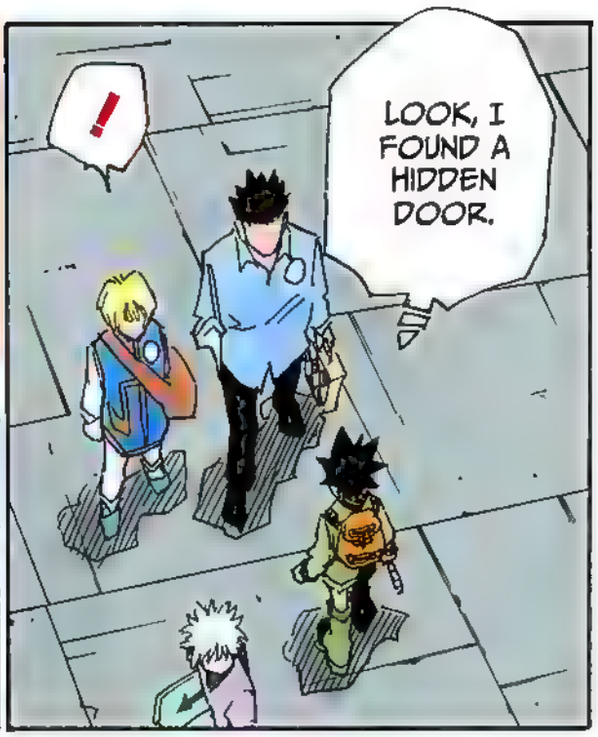
WHAT ARE YOU UNSURE ABOUT?
HUH?
BUT I'M UNSURE.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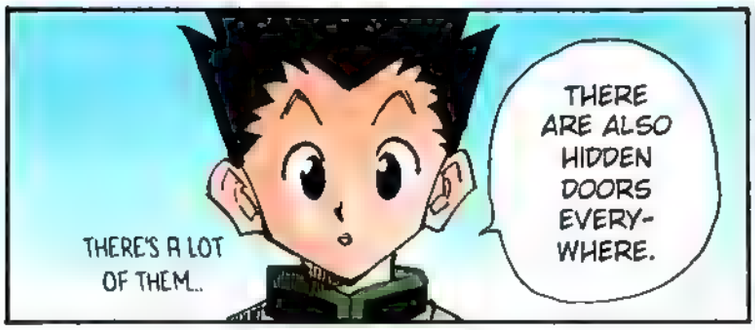
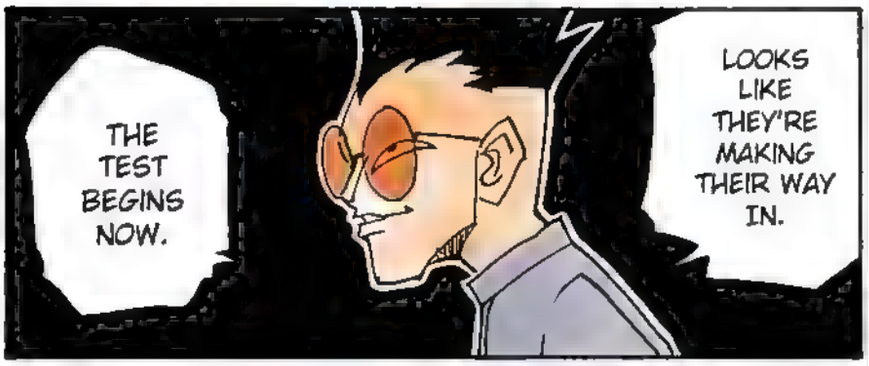
LOOK, I FOUND A HIDDEN DOOR.


THERE'S A LOT OF THEM...
THERE ARE ALSO HIDDEN DOORS EVERY-WHERE.


THE TEST BEGINS NOW.
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE MAKING THEIR WAY IN.

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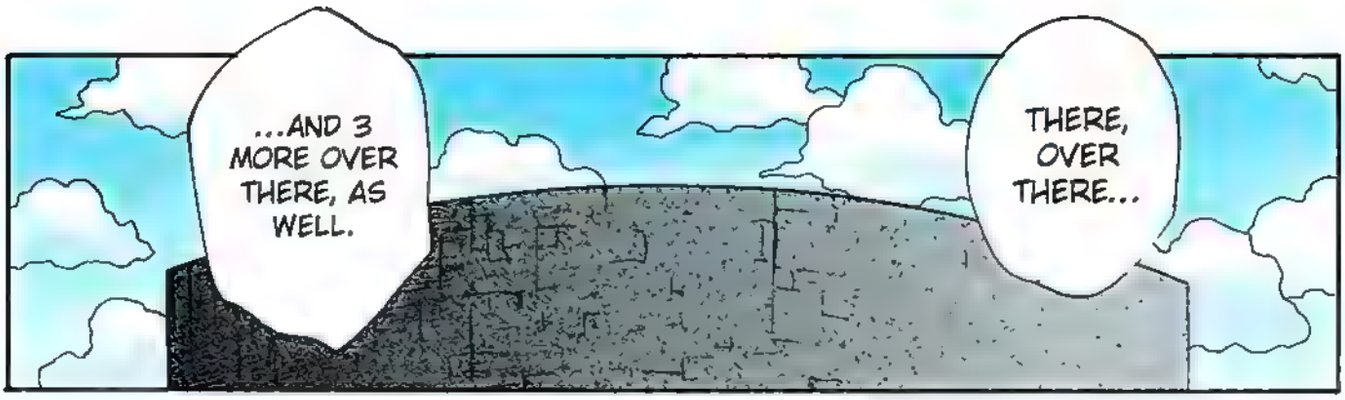
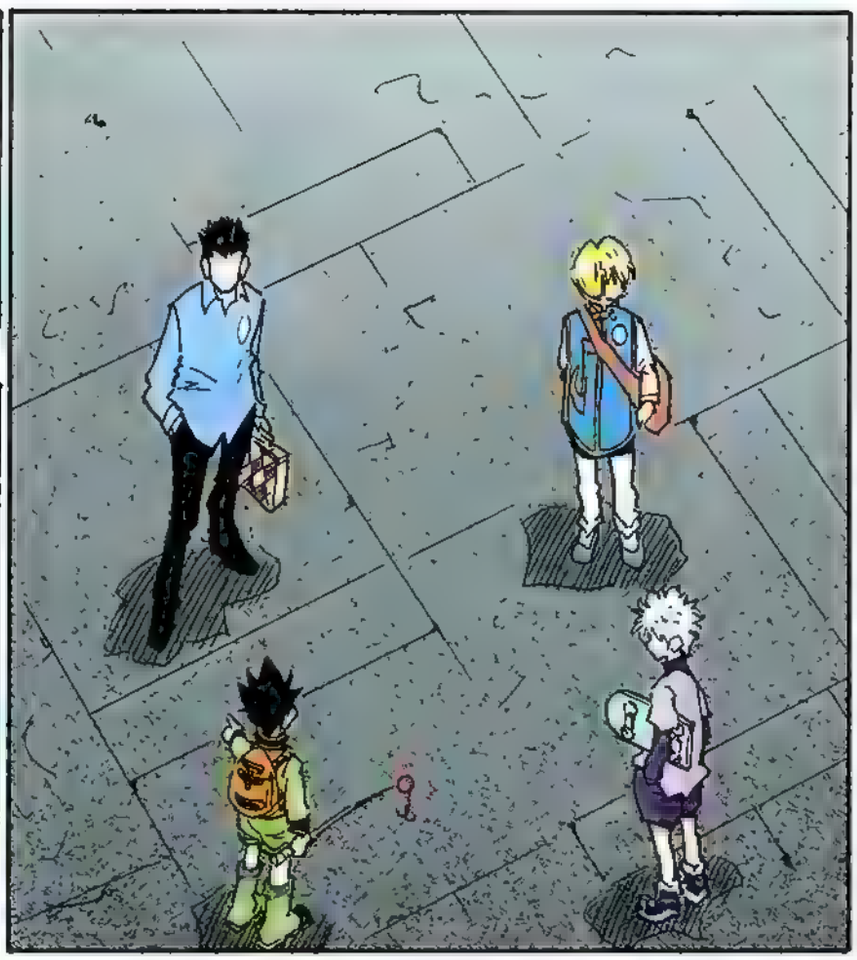
YES SIR...
TAKE YOUR ASSIGNED POSITIONS!!


...AND 3 MORE OVER THERE, AS WELL.
THERE, OVER THERE...

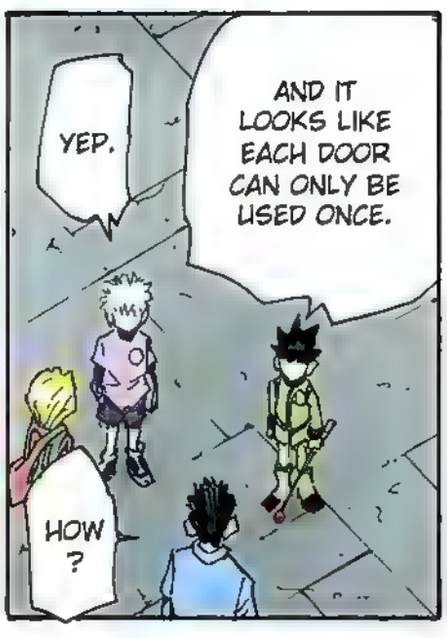
AND THEY'RE ALL LOCATED IN THE SAME AREA. SEEMS SUSPICIOUS TO ME.
THAT'S 5 HIDDEN DOORS.

YEAH...
AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT SOME OF THEM COULD JUST BE TRAPS...

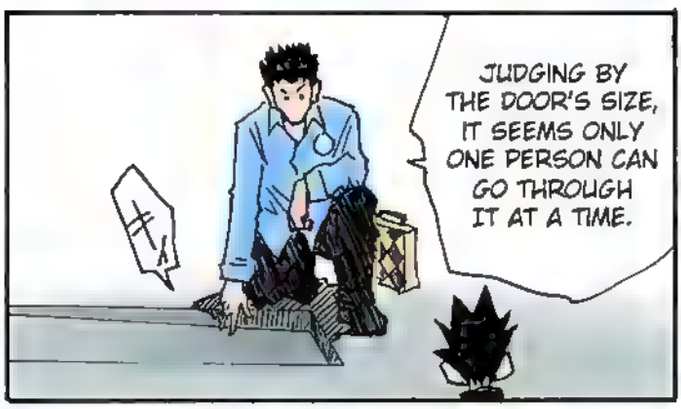


BUT WHEN WE GOT TO IT, THE THING WOULDN'T BUDGE.
COME ON!

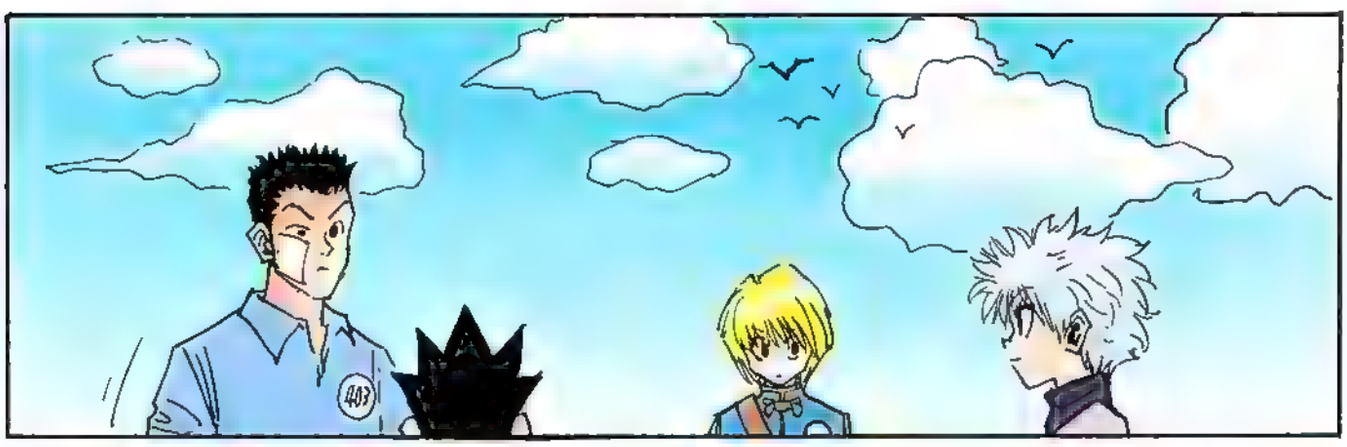
WE TRIED OPENING A DOOR SOMEONE ELSE USED...
OH.


YEP.
AND IT LOOKS LIKE EACH DOOR CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.
HOW ?

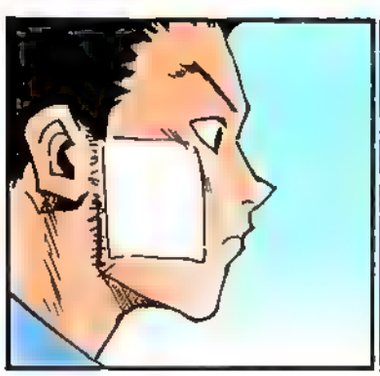
I SEE.

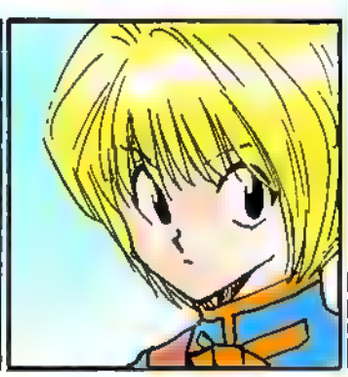

JUDGING BY THE DOOR'S SIZE, IT SEEMS ONLY ONE PERSON CAN GO THROUGH IT AT A TIME.

MEANING EACH DOOR LEADS TO A DIFFERENT ROUTE.
IN OTHER WORDS, ONLY ONE PERSON CAN USE EACH DOOR.

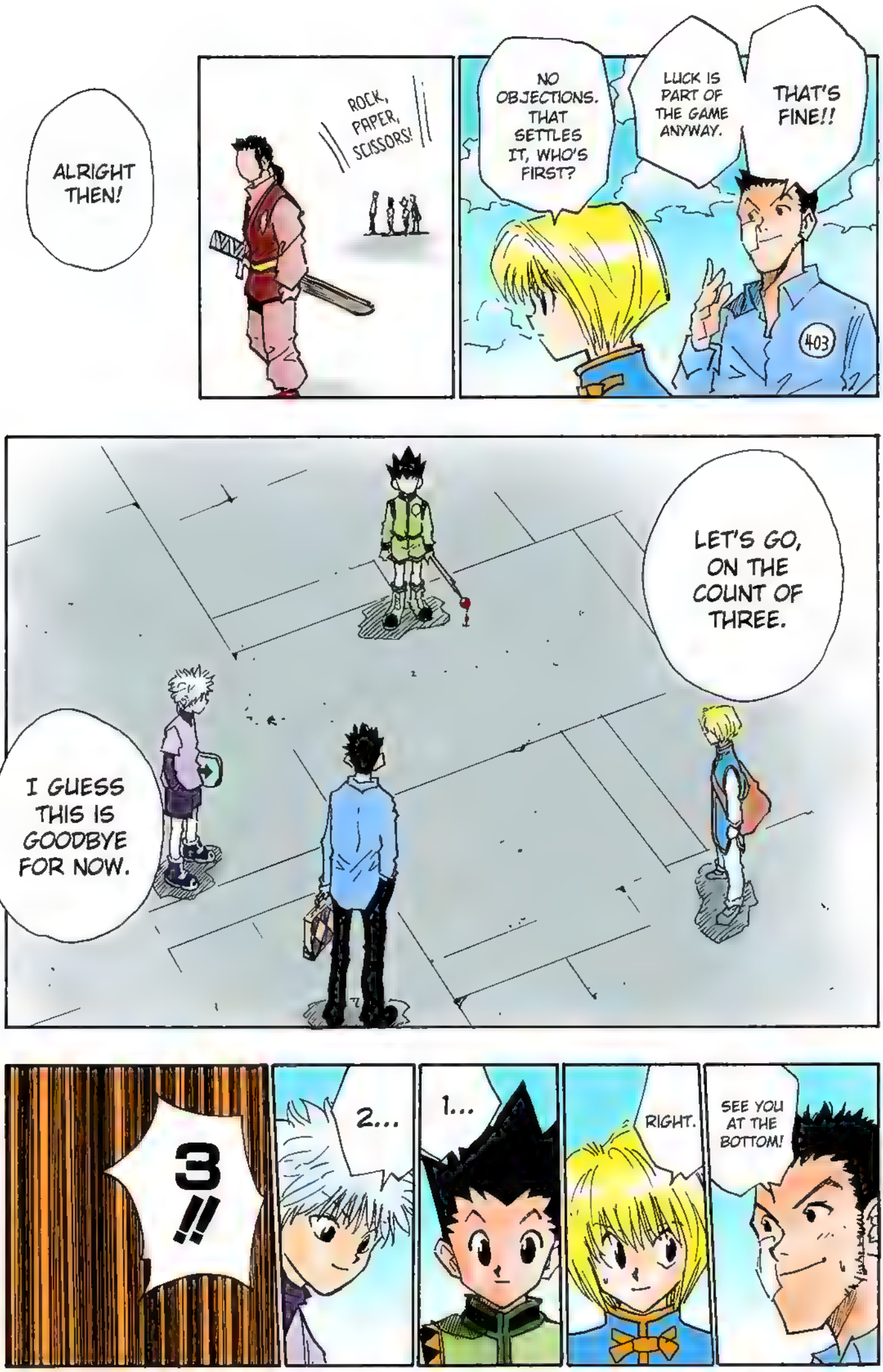


WHAT WILL YOU DO? LEORIO, KURAPIKA?





GON AND I DECIDED THAT WE'RE EACH GOING TO CHOOSE A DOOR.
NO HARD FEELINGS IF ONE OF US SPRINGS A TRAP.


ALRIGHT THEN!
ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!
NO OBJECTIONS. THAT SETTLES IT, WHO'S FIRST?
LUCK IS PART OF THE GAME ANYWAY.
THAT'S FINE!!
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LET'S GO, ON THE COUNT OF THREE.
I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE FOR NOW.
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SEE YOU AT THE BOTTOM!

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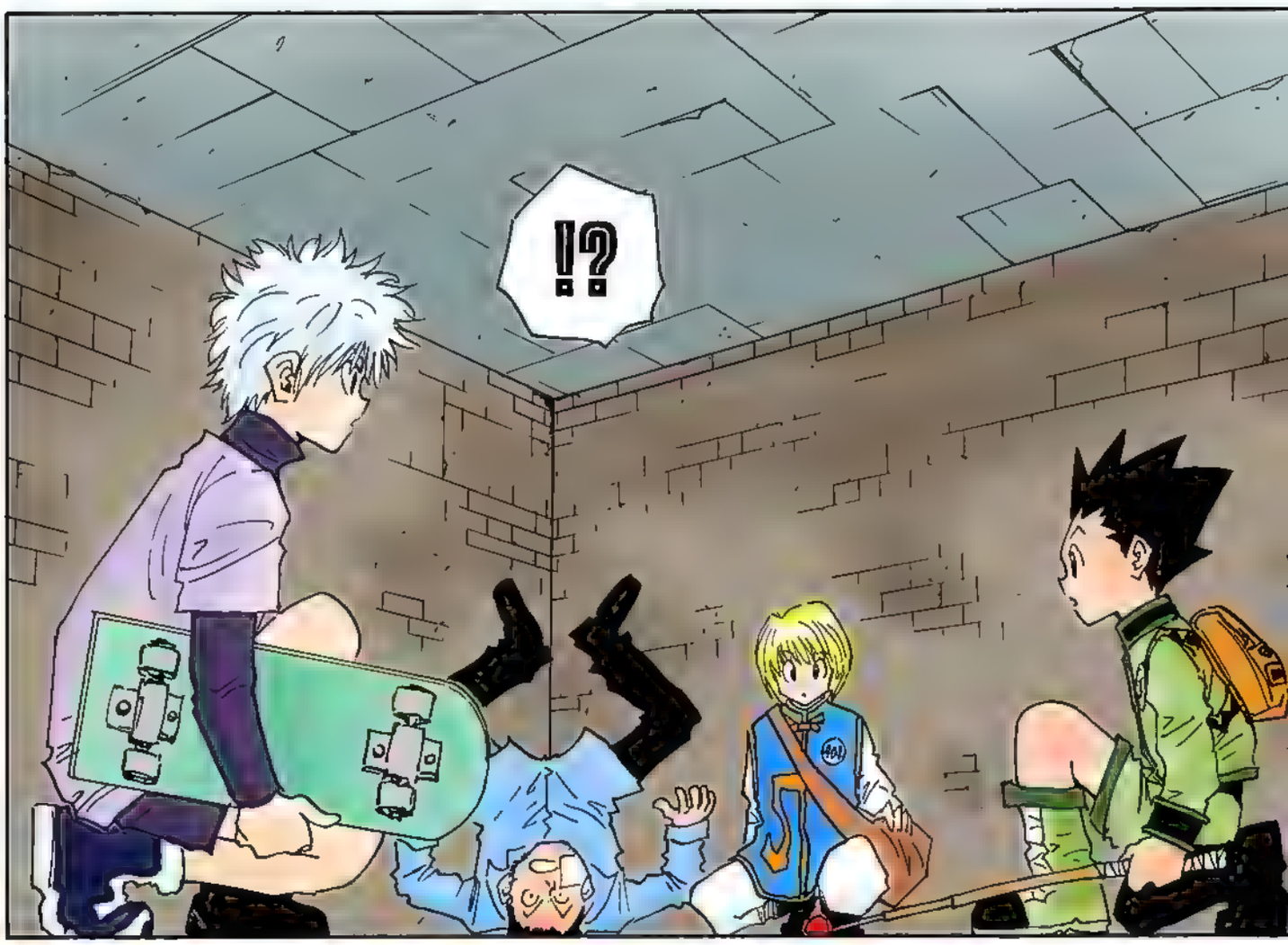
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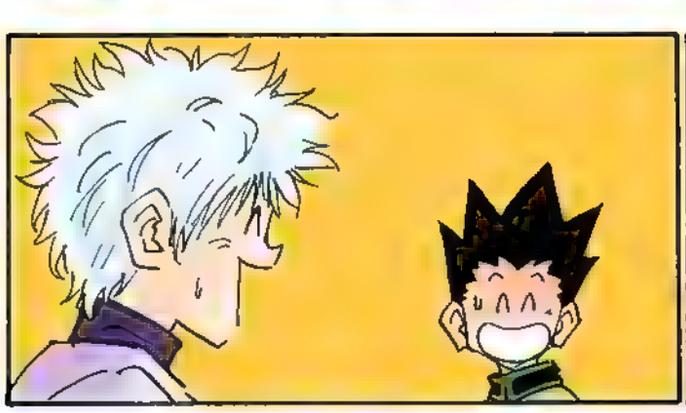

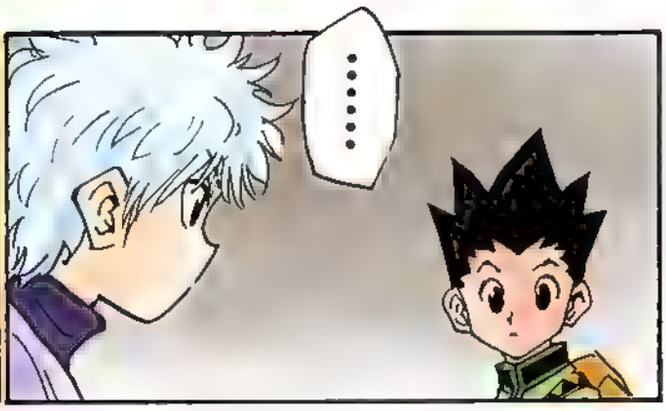
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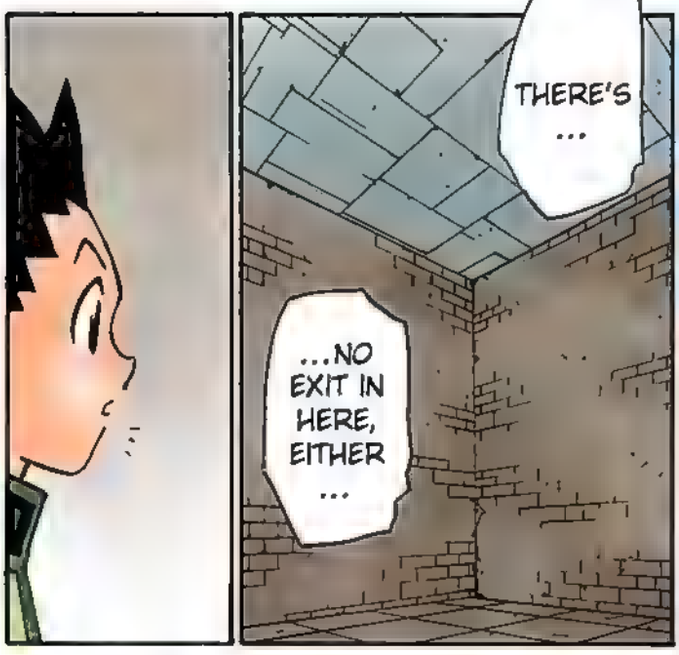
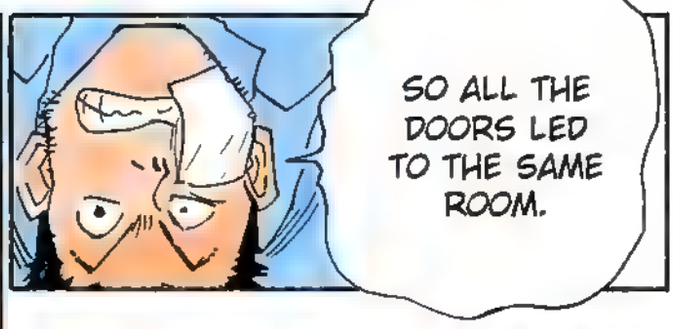
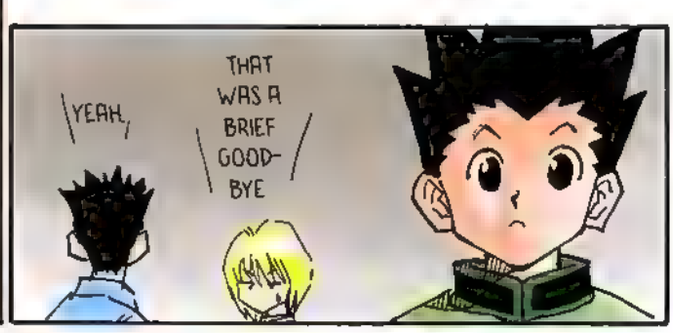

THERE'S ...
...NO EXIT IN HERE, EITHER ...


SO ALL THE DOORS LED TO THE SAME ROOM.


YEAH,
THAT WAS A BRIEF GOOD-BYE

THE PATH TO MAJORITY RULES
THE FIVE WHO DROP INTO THIS CHAMBER MUST FIND THEIR WAY DOWN TOGETHER BY MAJORITY RULE.
5 OF US...?
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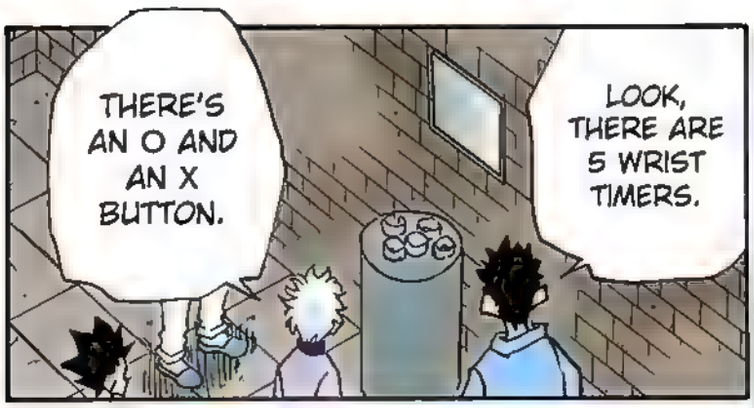
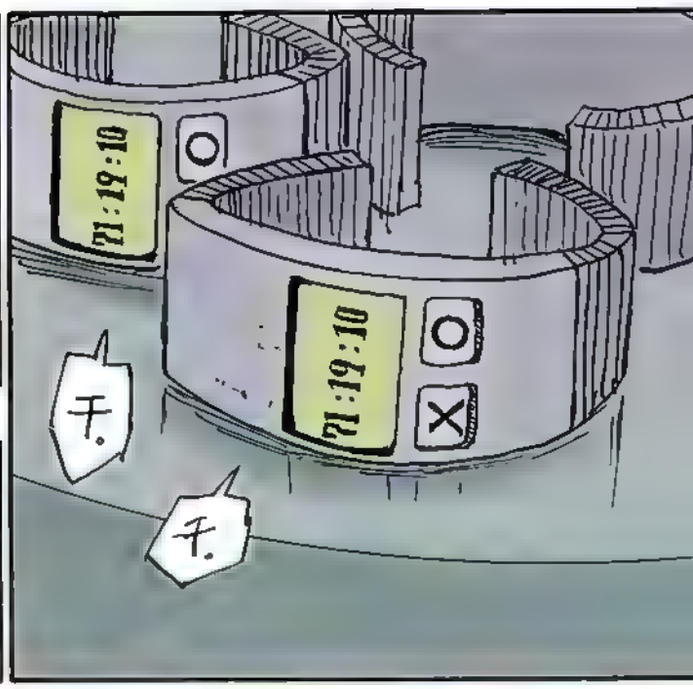

THERE'S AN O AND AN X BUTTON.
LOOK, THERE ARE 5 WRIST TIMERS.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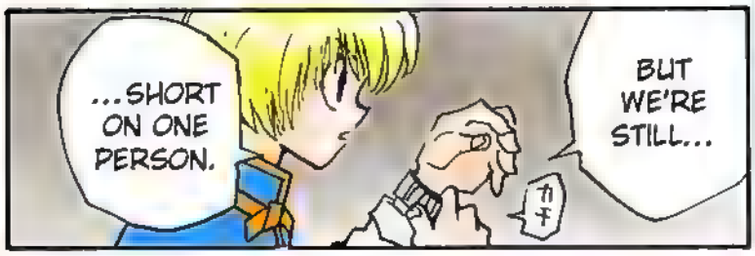
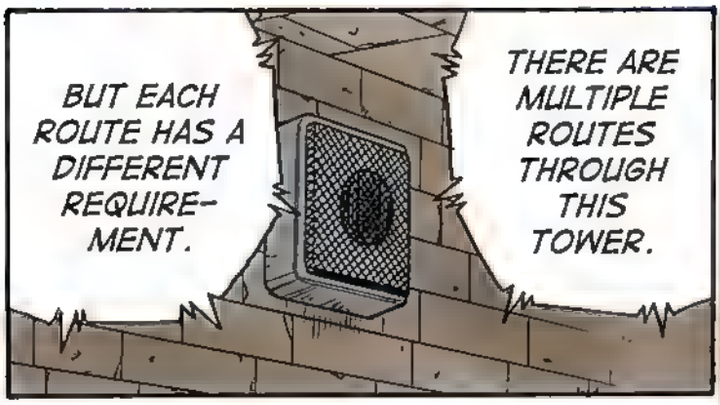
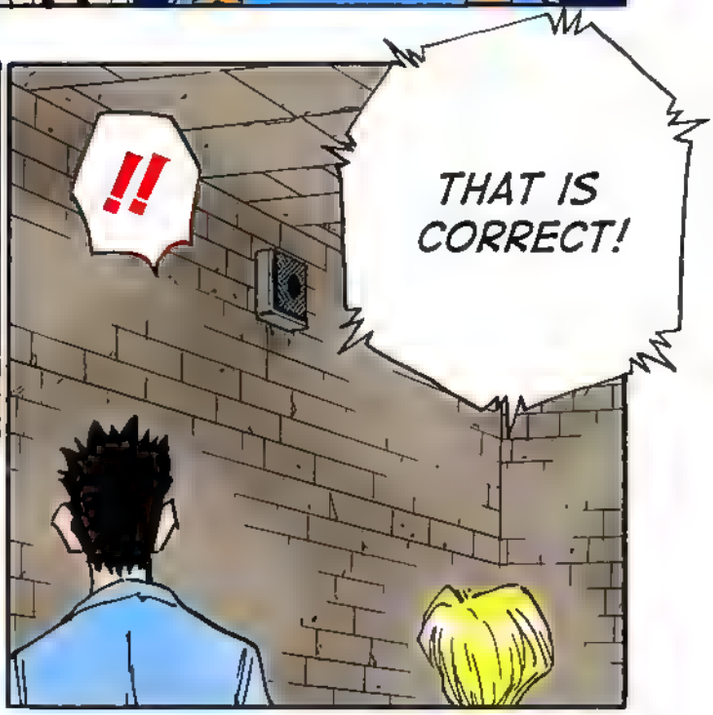

...SHORT ON ONE PERSON.
BUT WE'RE STILL...

...UNTIL ANOTHER PERSON DROPS IN HERE?
COULD IT BE THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE THIS ROOM...


BUT EACH ROUTE HAS A DIFFERENT REQUIRE-MENT.
THERE ARE MULTIPLE ROUTES THROUGH THIS TOWER.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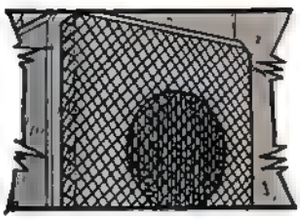
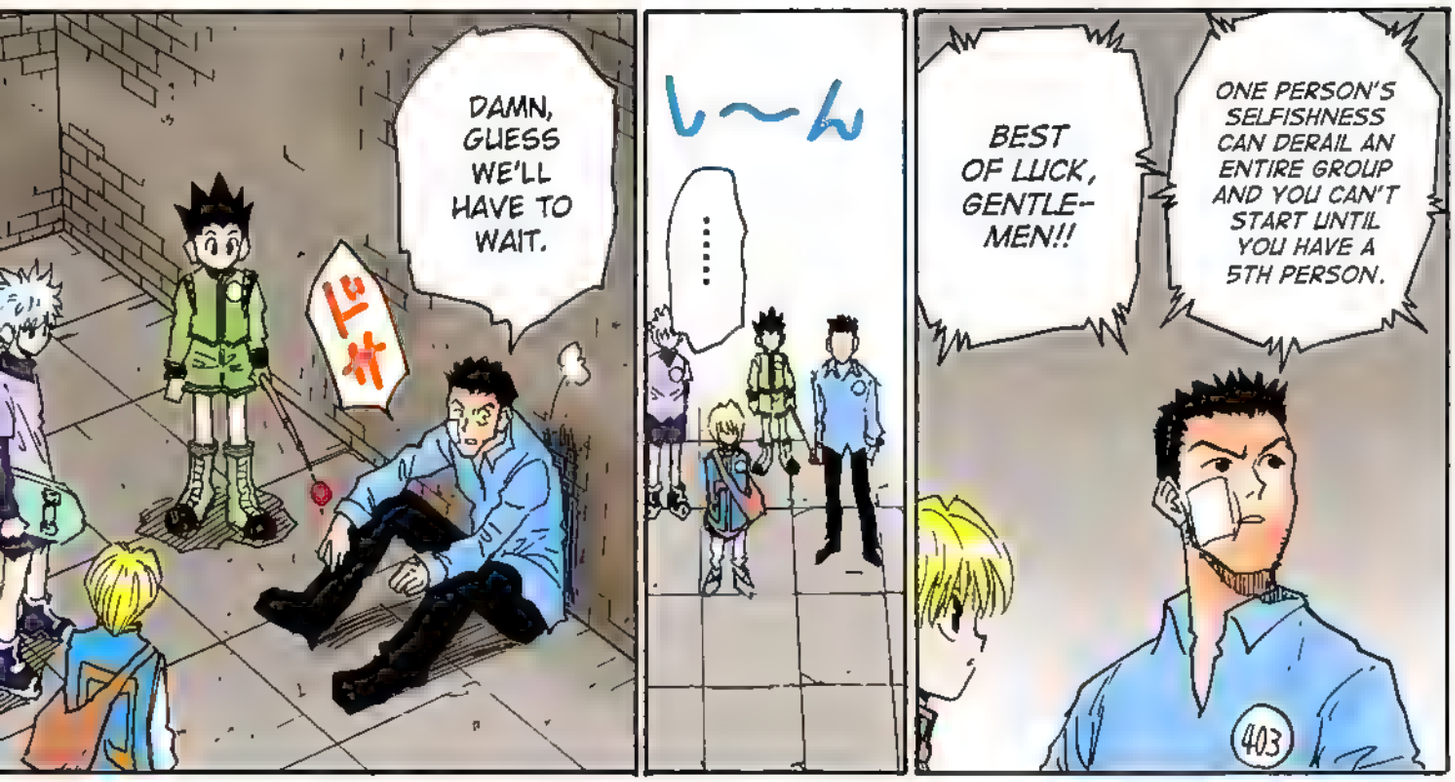
THAT IS CORRECT!


COOPERATION WILL BE KEY IF YOU WISH TO CLEAR THIS PHASE!
YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE PATH OF MAJORITY RULES.


DAMN, GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT.
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BEST OF LUCK, GENTLE-MEN!!
ONE PERSON'S SELFISHNESS CAN DERAIL AN ENTIRE GROUP AND YOU CAN'T START UNTIL YOU HAVE A 5TH PERSON.
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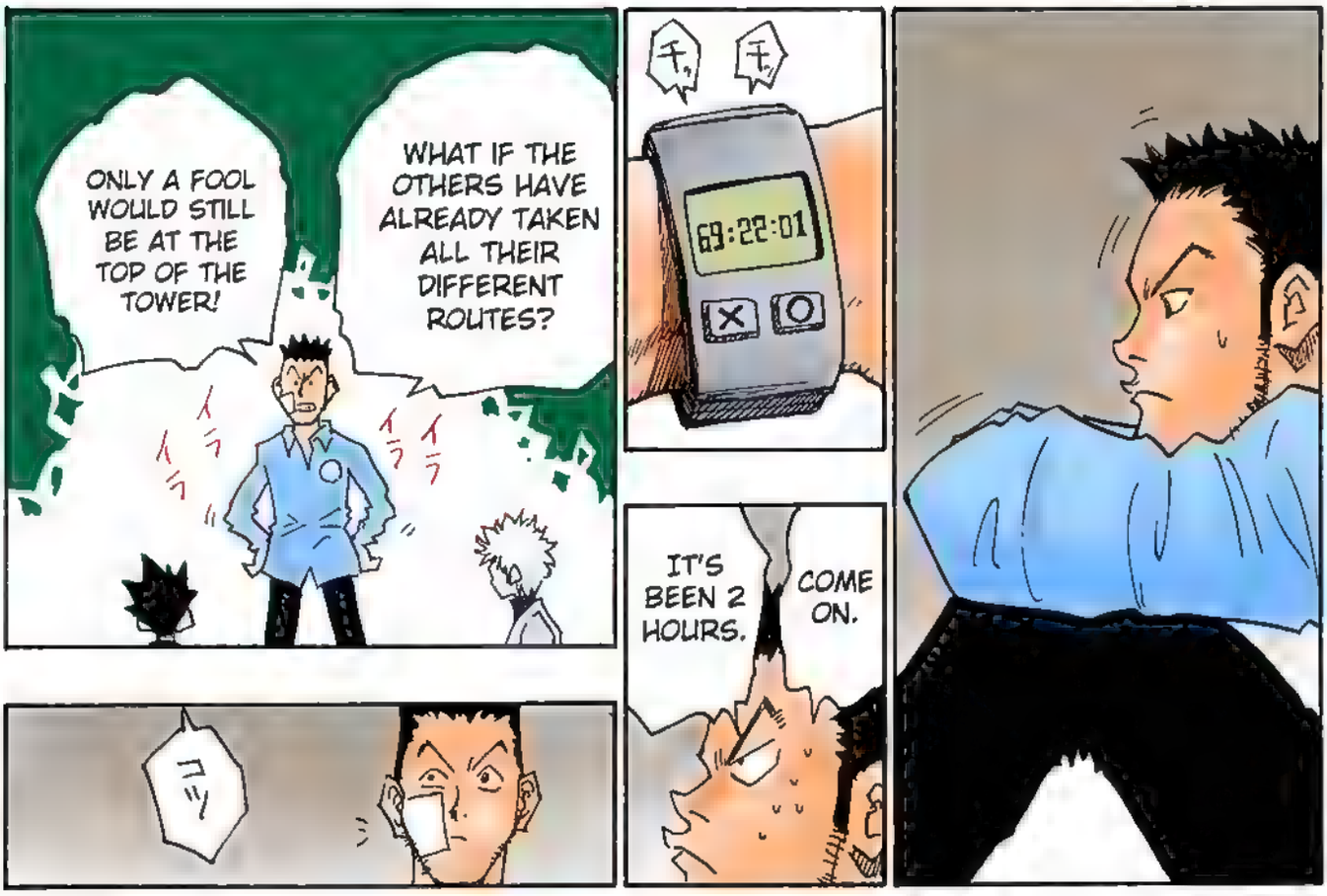
ONLY A FOOL WOULD STILL BE AT THE TOP OF THE TOWER!
WHAT IF THE OTHERS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN ALL THEIR DIFFERENT ROUTES?
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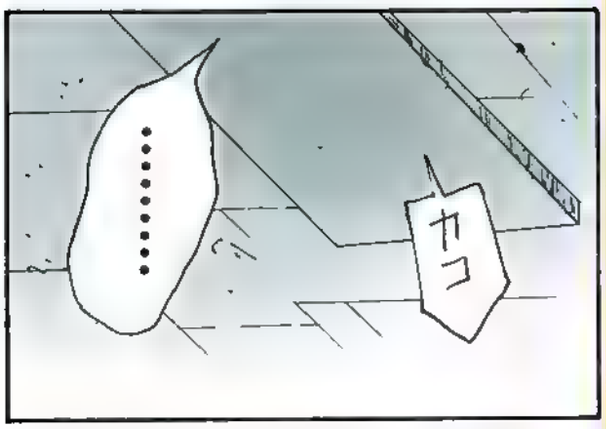
IT'S BEEN 2 HOURS.
COME ON.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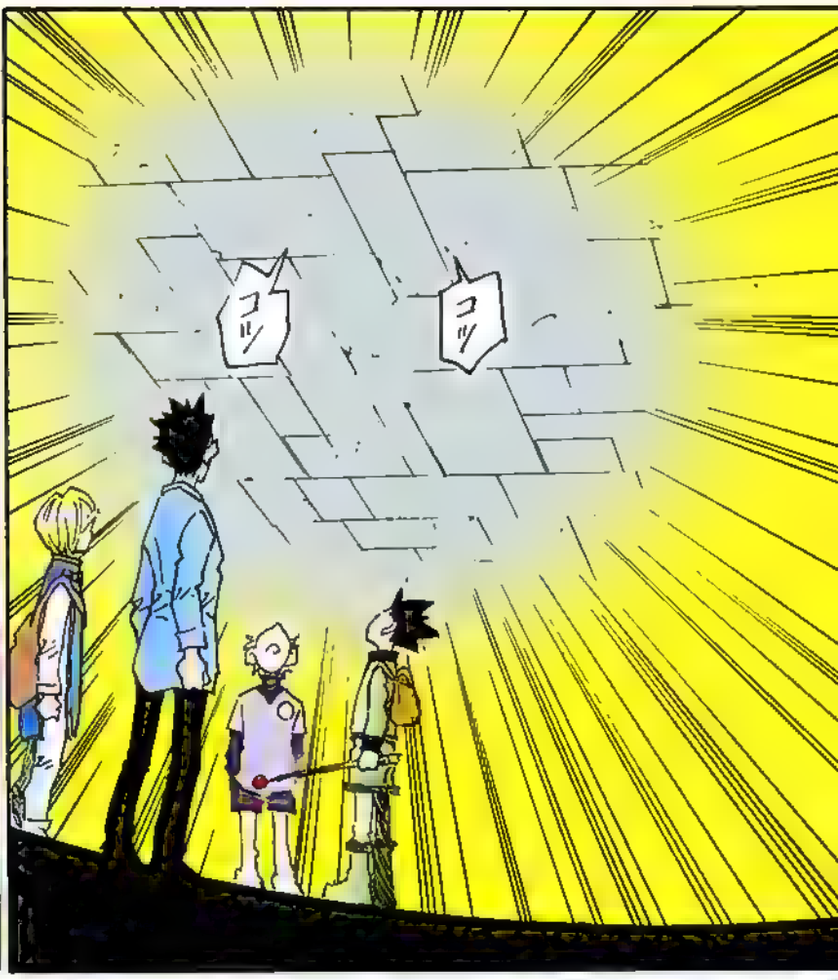
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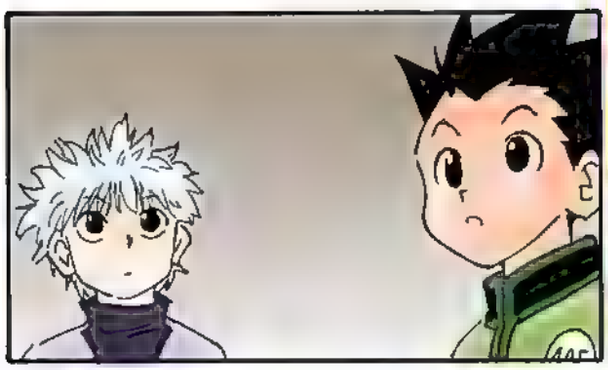

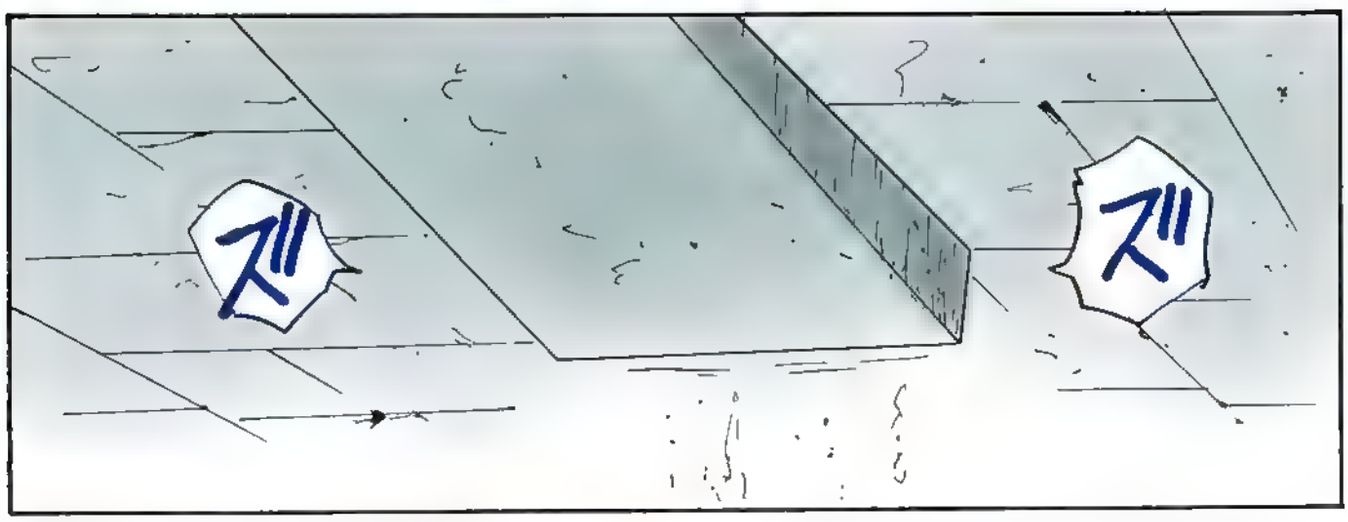
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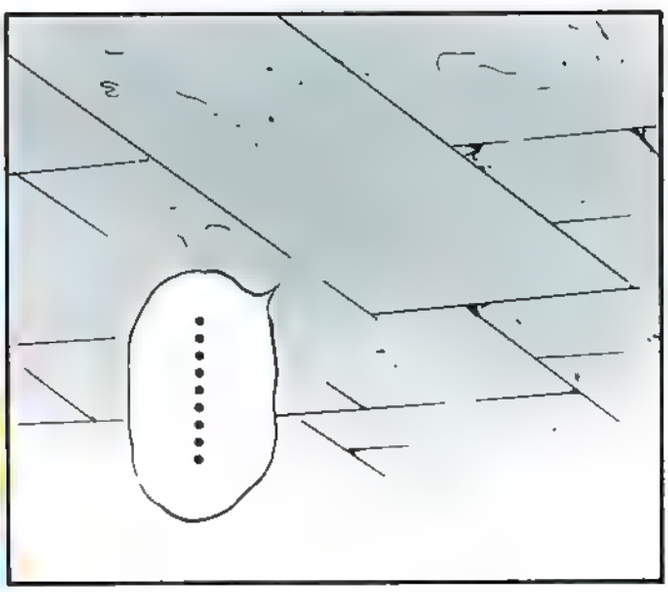
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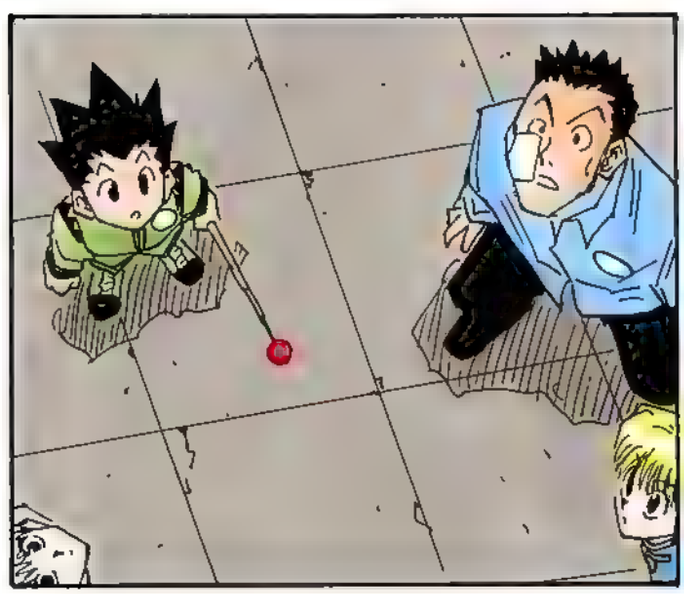

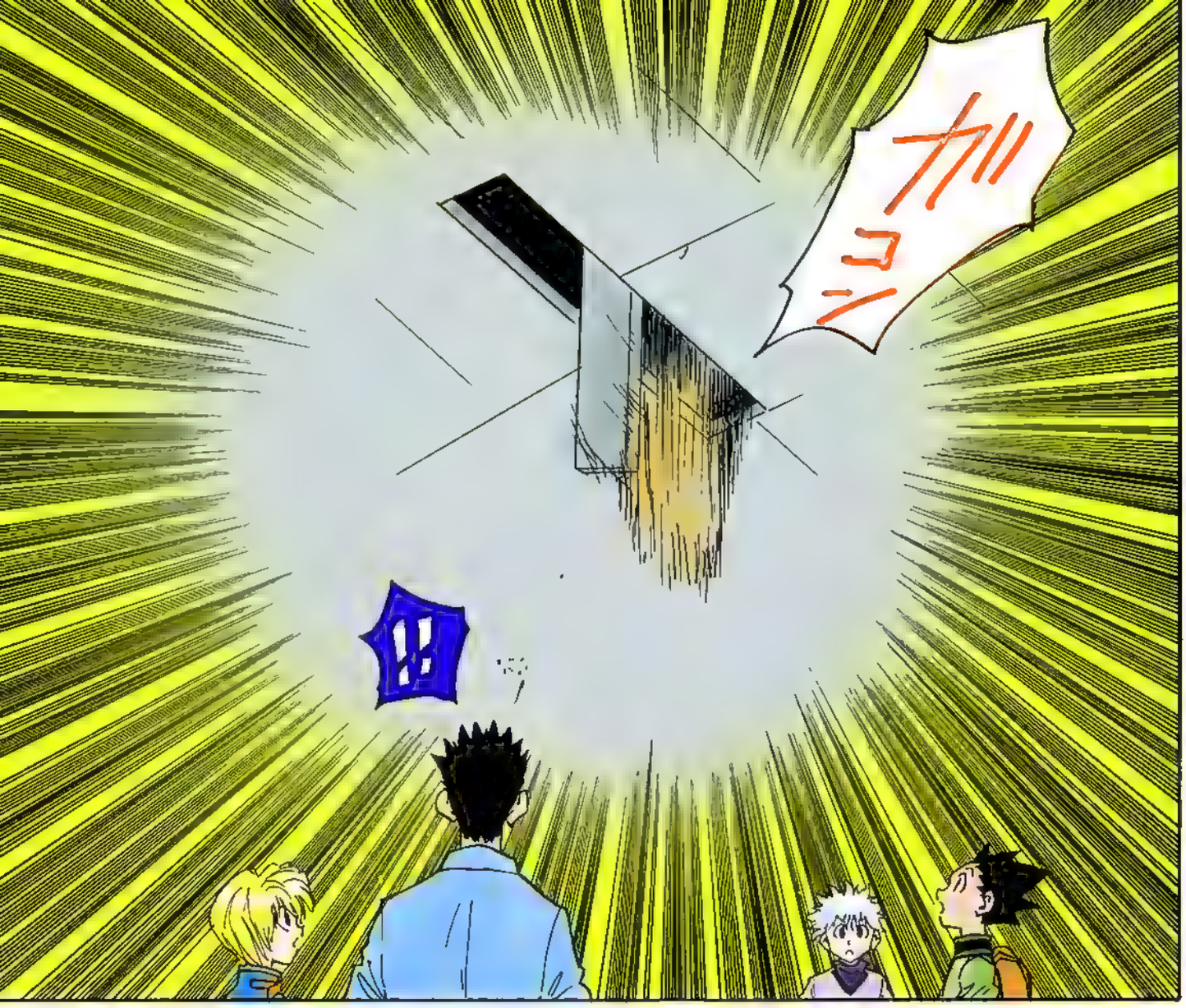
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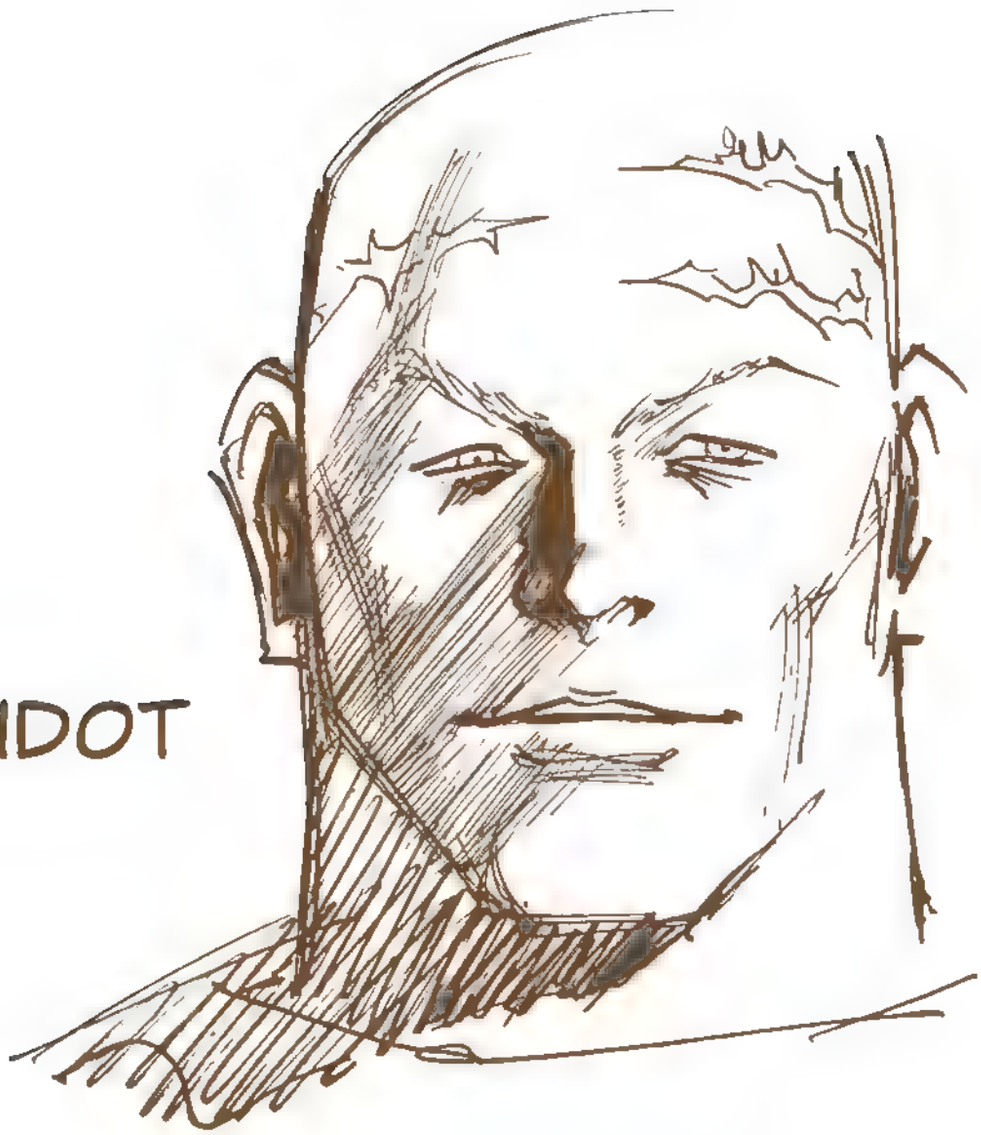

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OH.

ALL RIGHT...

...AND PUT ON THE TIMERS.

I SEE. SO THE DOOR APPEARS ONCE 5 PEOPLE ARRIVE...



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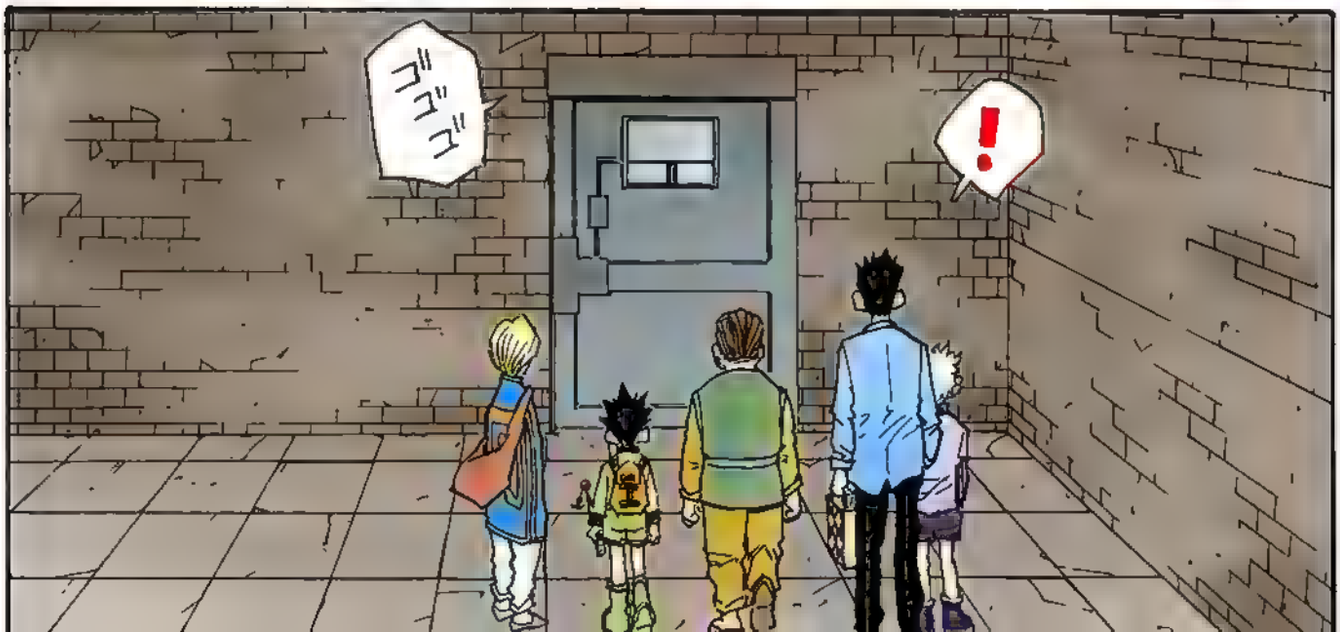
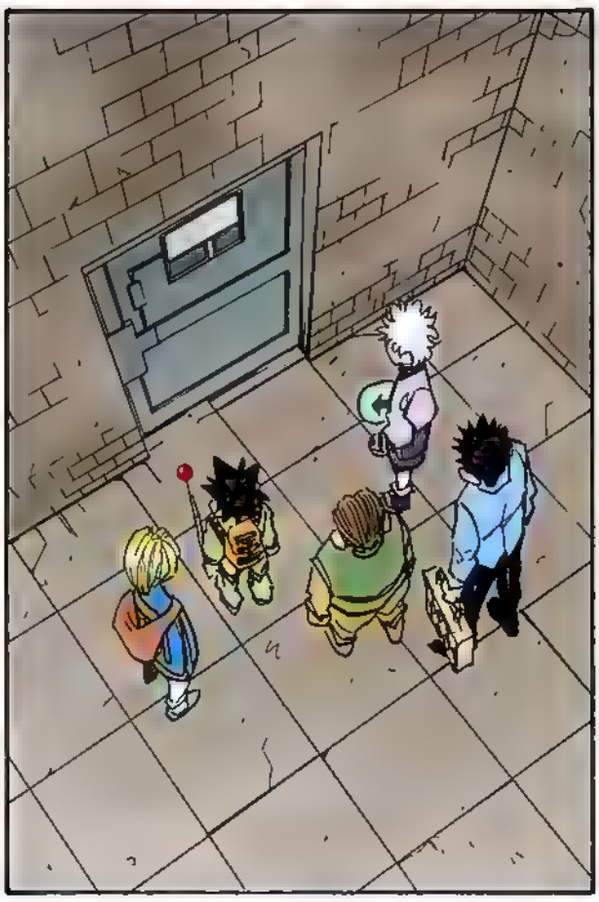
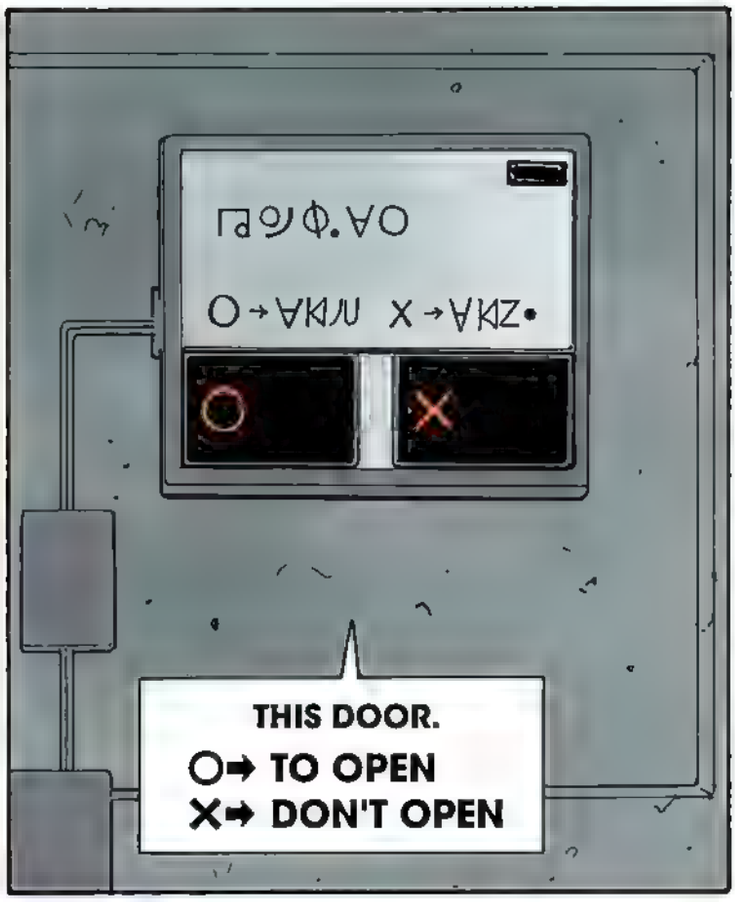
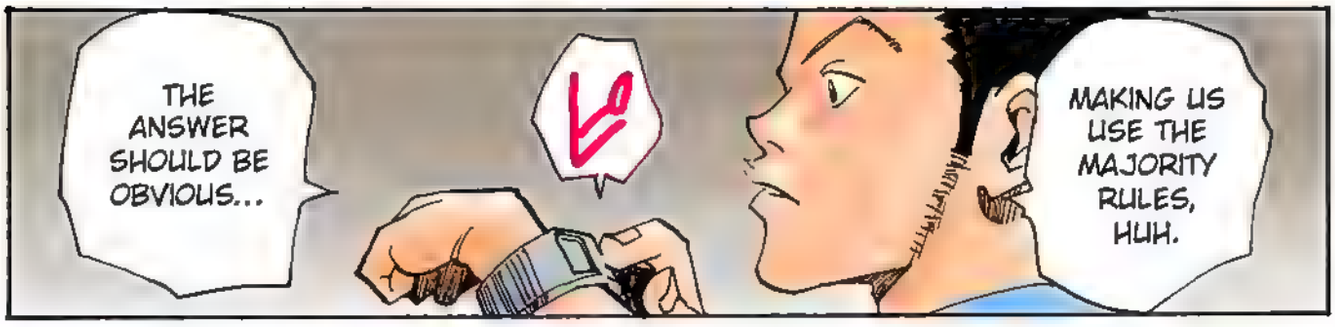
# No.016 ◆ ENTER THE TASKMASTERS






THIS DOOR.
○➡ TO OPEN
✕➡ DON'T OPEN


THE ANSWER SHOULD BE OBVIOUS...
MAKING US USE THE MAJORITY RULES, HUH.

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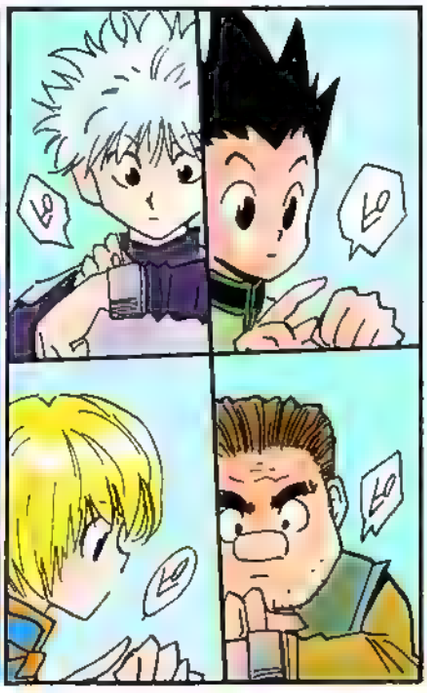

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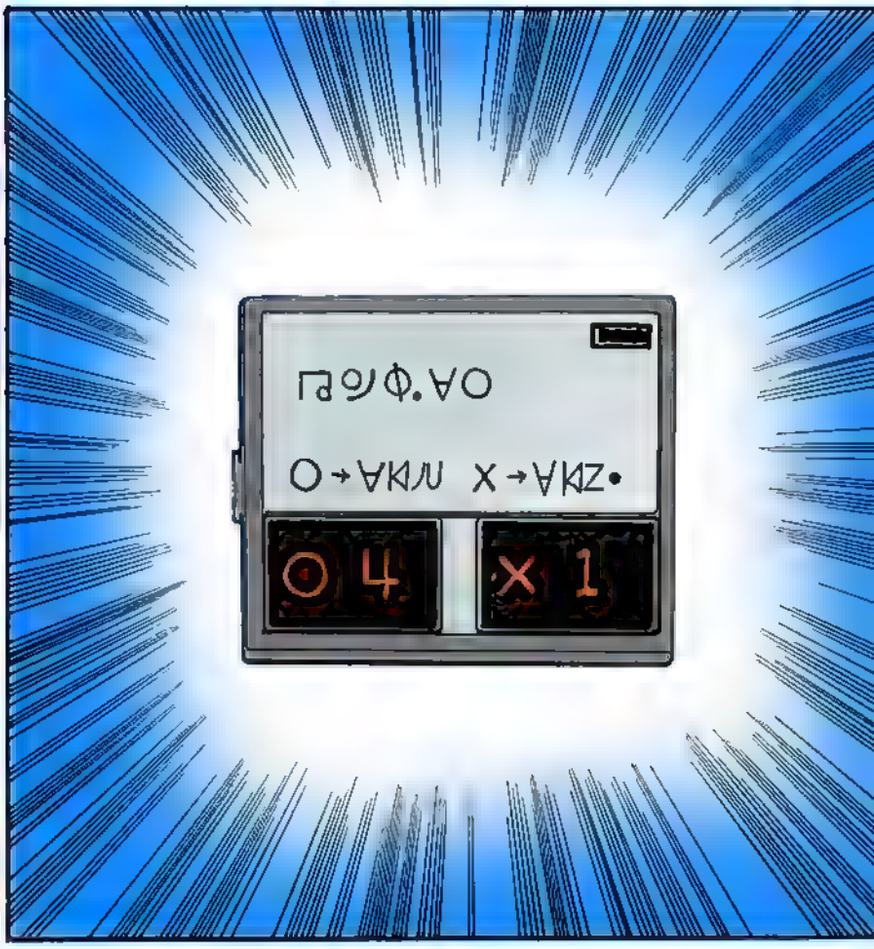
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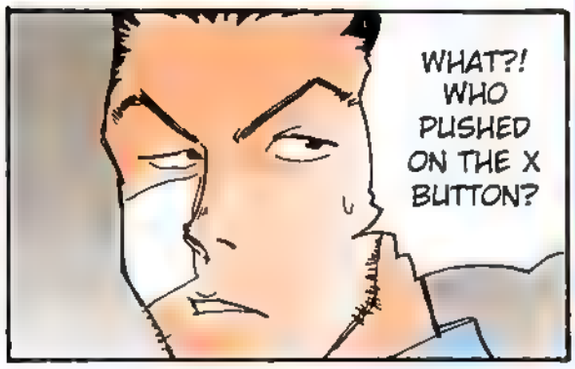
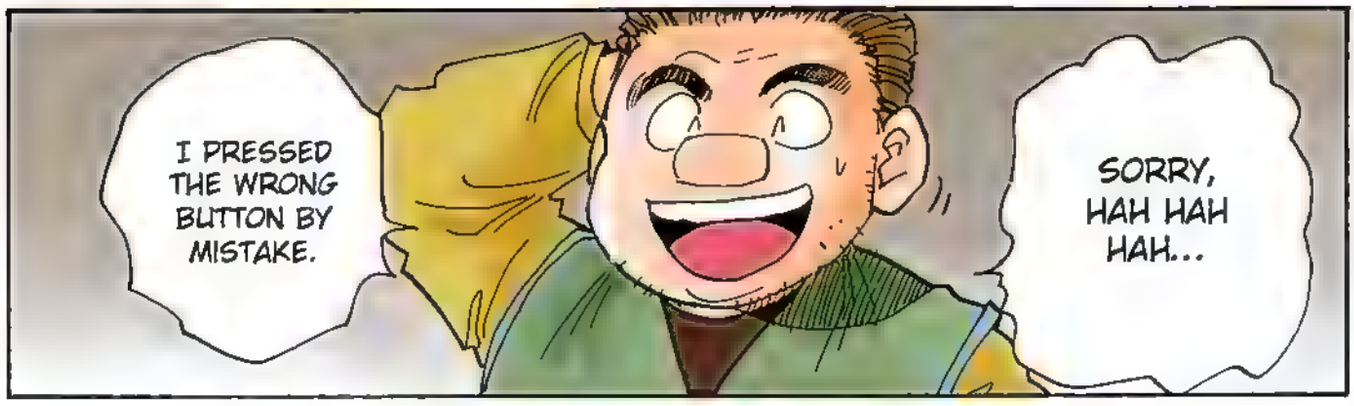
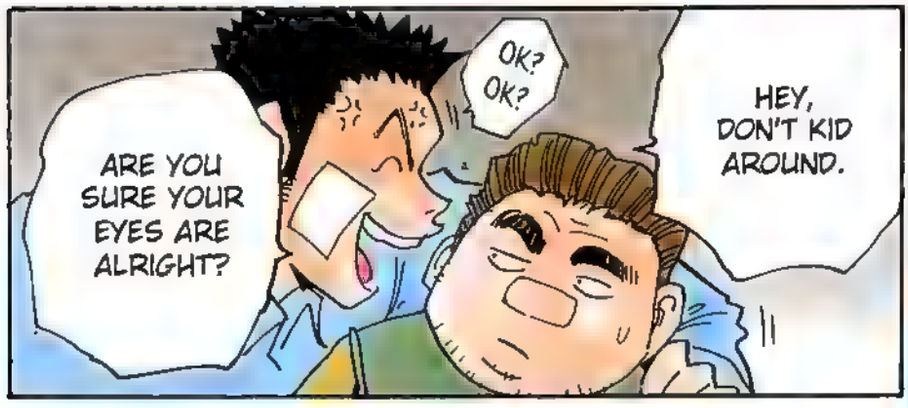
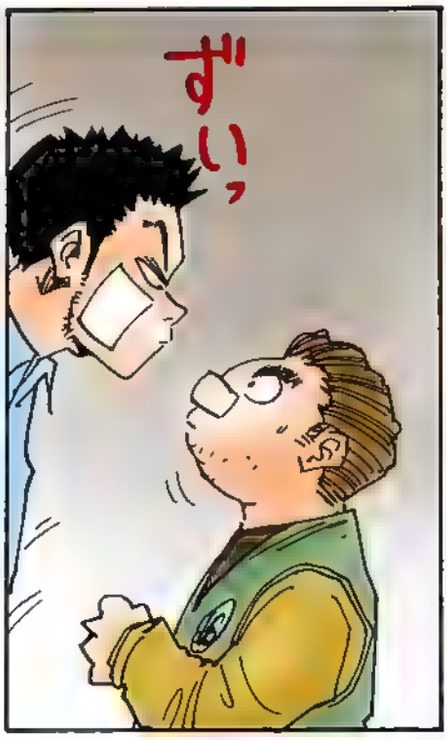

WHAT?! WHO PUSHED ON THE X BUTTON?


I PRESSED THE WRONG BUTTON BY MISTAKE.
SORRY, HAH HAH HAH...


ARE YOU SURE YOUR EYES ARE ALRIGHT?
OK? OK?
HEY, DON'T KID AROUND.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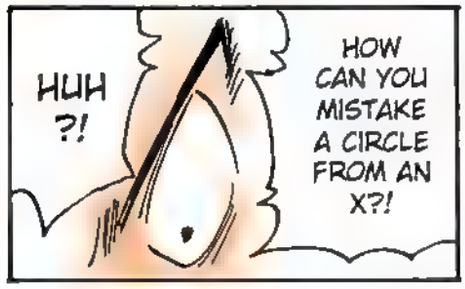
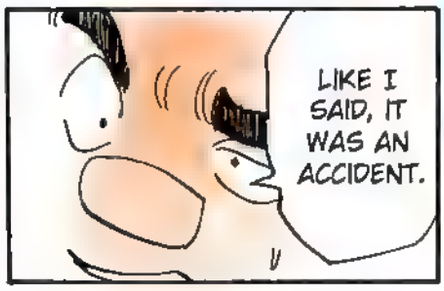
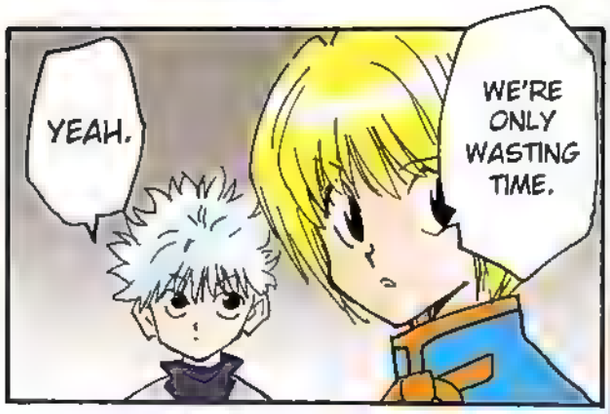
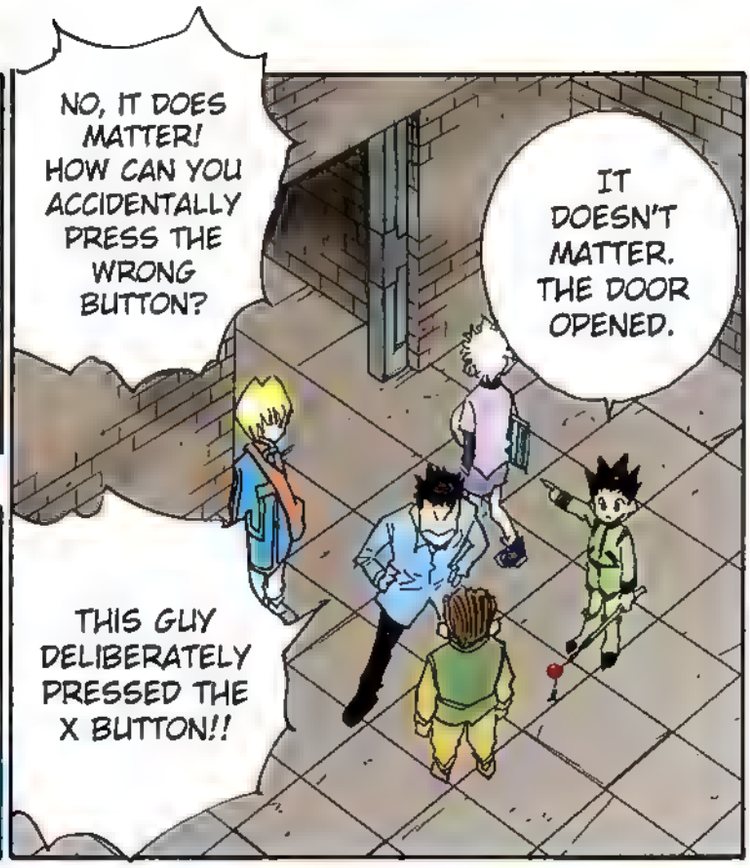
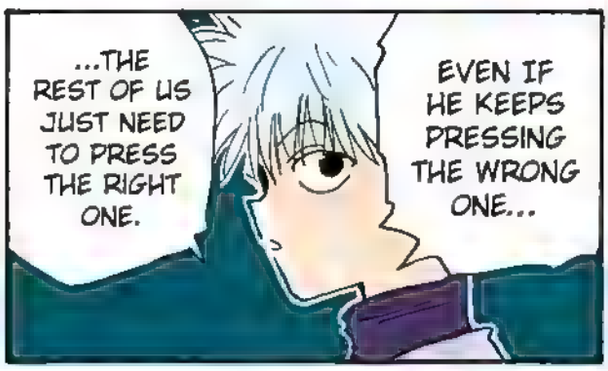

HUH ?!
HOW CAN YOU MISTAKE A CIRCLE FROM AN X?!

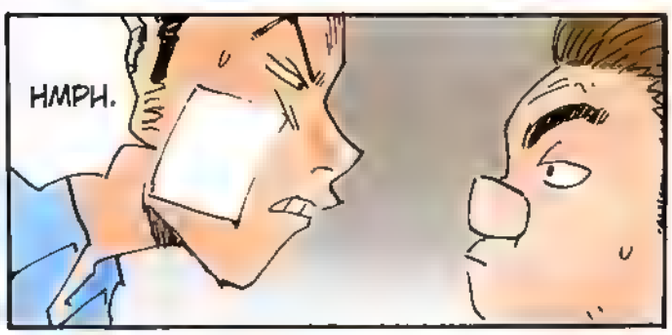

LIKE I SAID, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.


YEAH.
WE'RE ONLY WASTING TIME.


NO, IT DOES MATTER! HOW CAN YOU ACCIDENTALLY PRESS THE WRONG BUTTON?
IT DOESN'T MATTER. THE DOOR OPENED.
THIS GUY DELIBERATELY PRESSED THE X BUTTON!!


...THE REST OF US JUST NEED TO PRESS THE RIGHT ONE.
EVEN IF HE KEEPS PRESSING THE WRONG ONE...

FINE, LET'S GO.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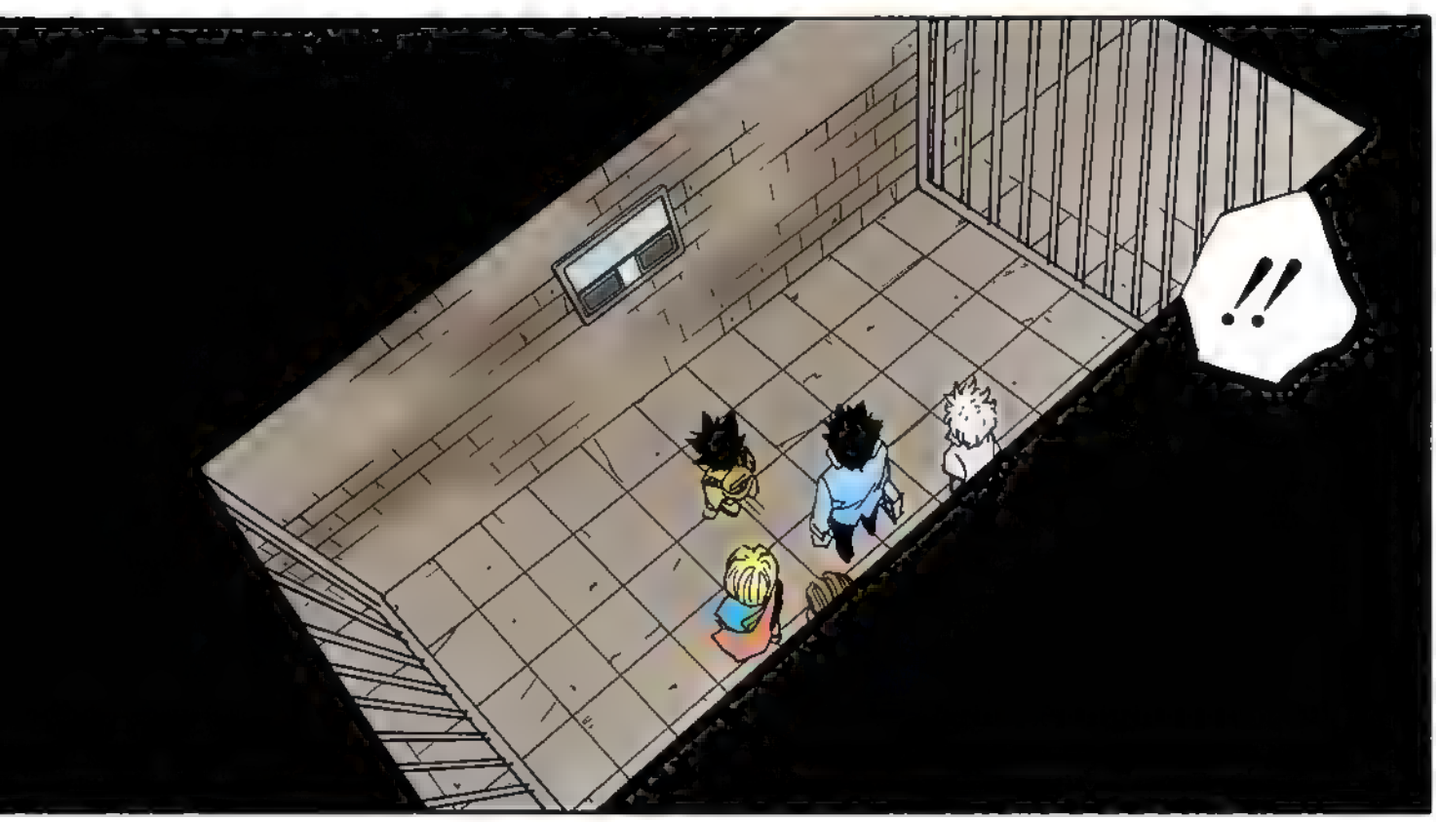
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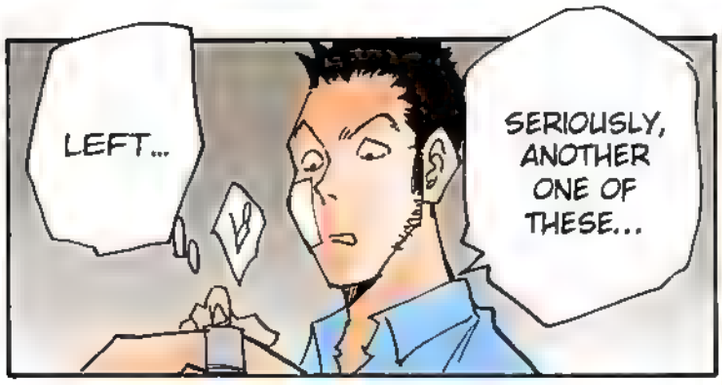
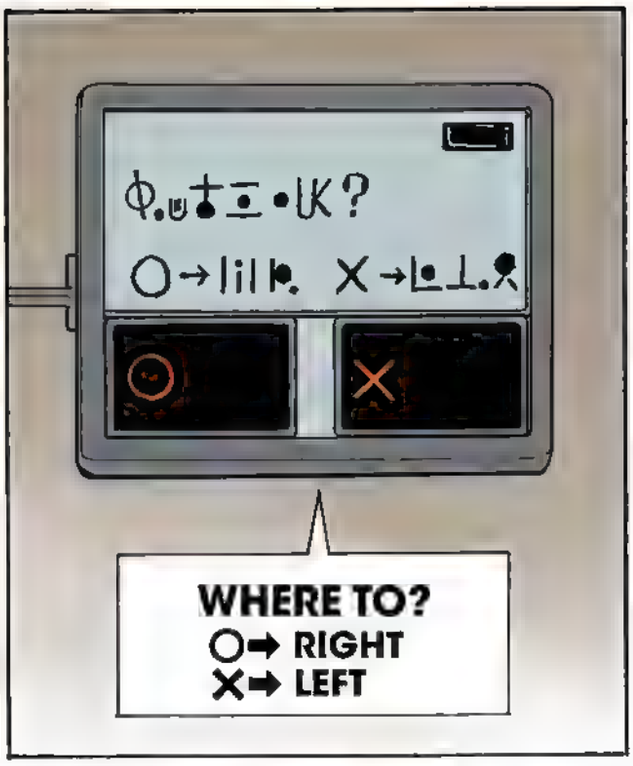
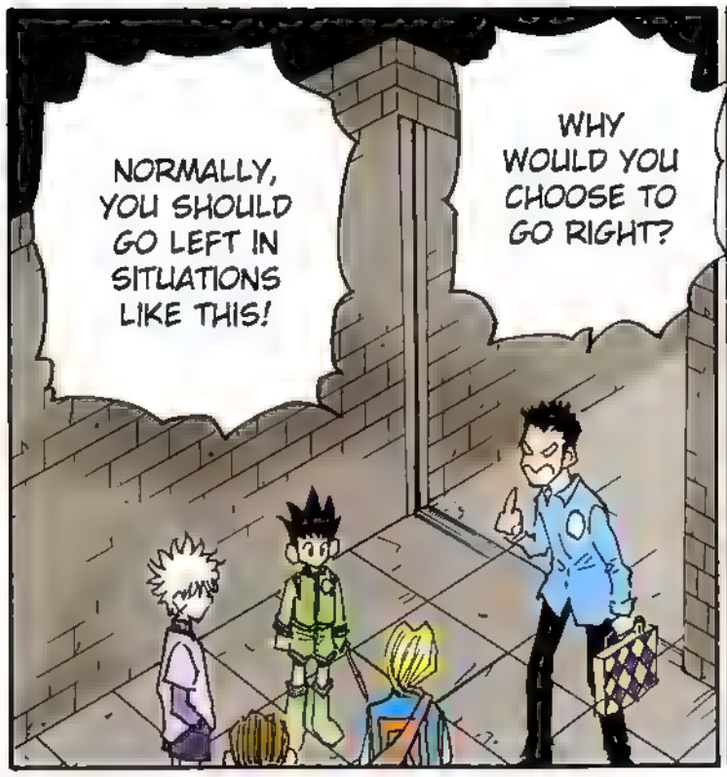
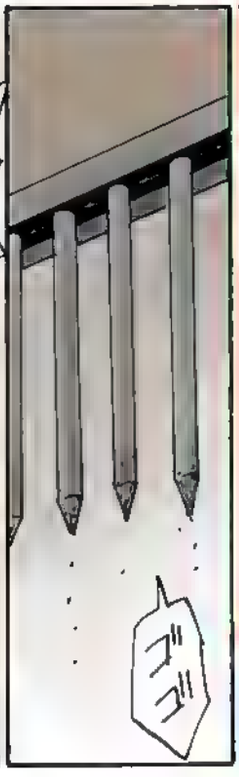

LEFT...
SERIOUSLY, ANOTHER ONE OF THESE...


WHERE TO?
○➡ RIGHT
✕➡ LEFT


NORMALLY, YOU SHOULD GO LEFT IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS!
WHY WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO GO RIGHT?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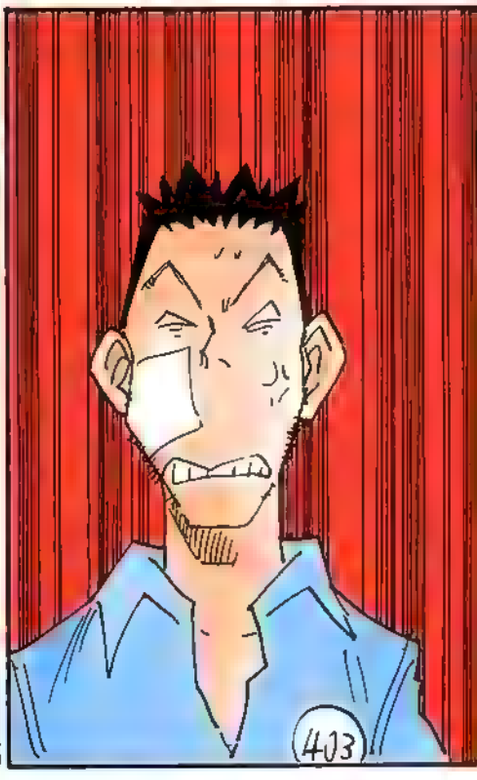
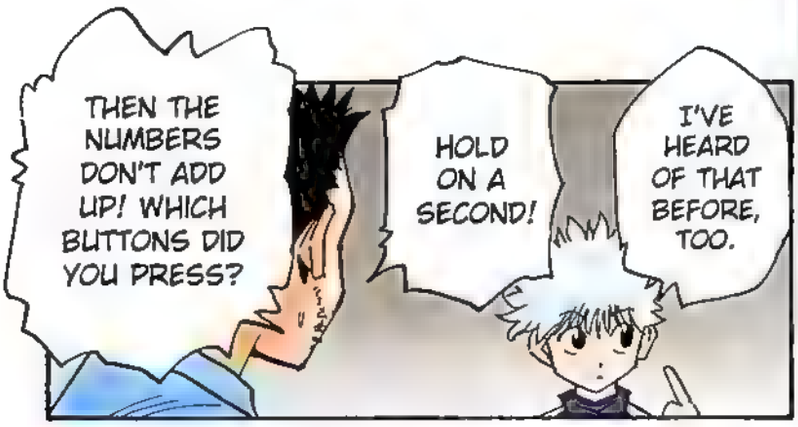
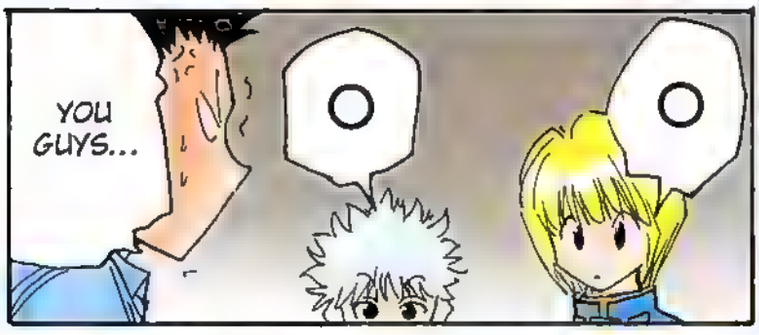



THEN THE NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP! WHICH BUTTONS DID YOU PRESS?
HOLD ON A SECOND!
I'VE HEARD OF THAT BEFORE, TOO.

RESEARCH HAS INDICATED THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE LOST OR STUCK AT FORKS UNCONSCIOUSLY TEND TO GO LEFT.


YOU GUYS...
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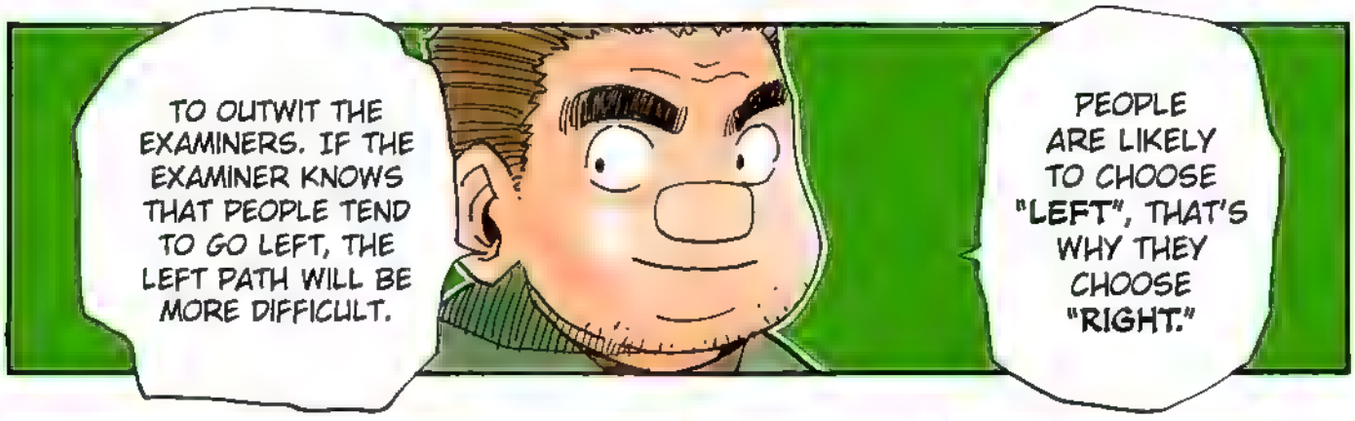
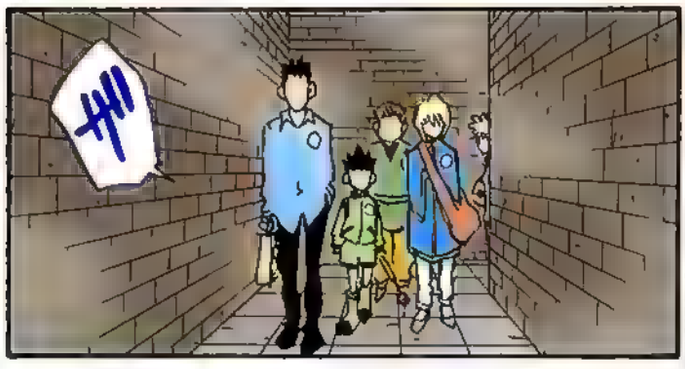

TO OUTWIT THE EXAMINERS. IF THE EXAMINER KNOWS THAT PEOPLE TEND TO GO LEFT, THE LEFT PATH WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT.
PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO CHOOSE "LEFT", THAT'S WHY THEY CHOOSE "RIGHT."



HMPH.
FINE, SO WE'RE JUST SIMPLE-MINDED!
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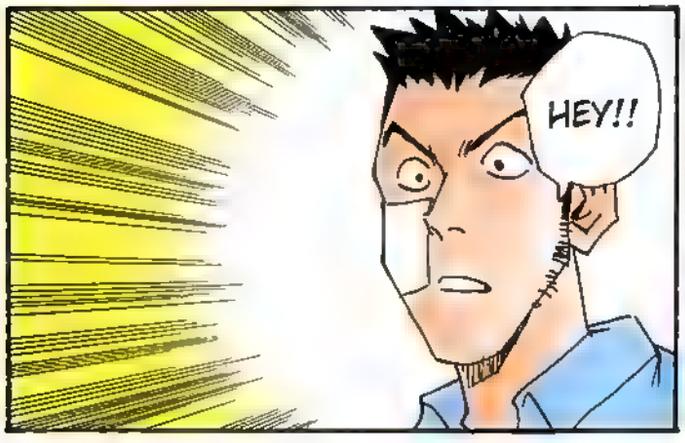
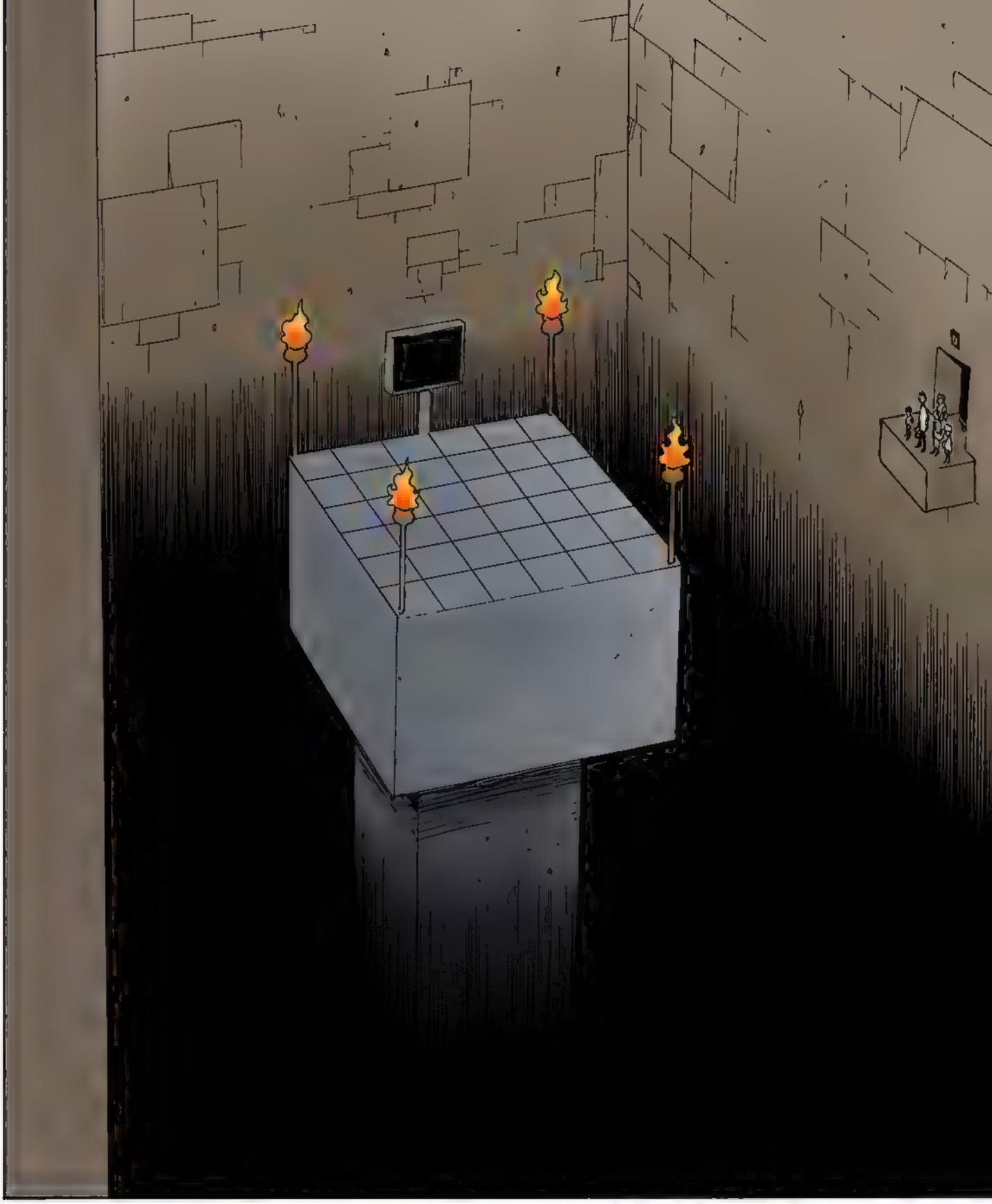
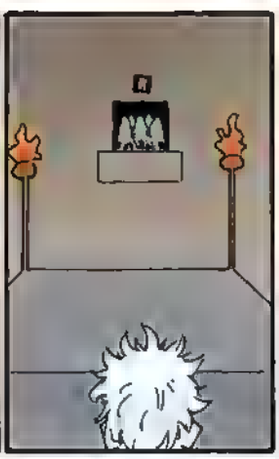
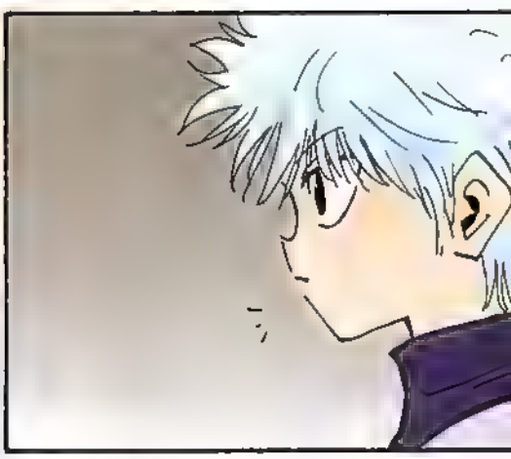
EXACTLY.


HEY!!

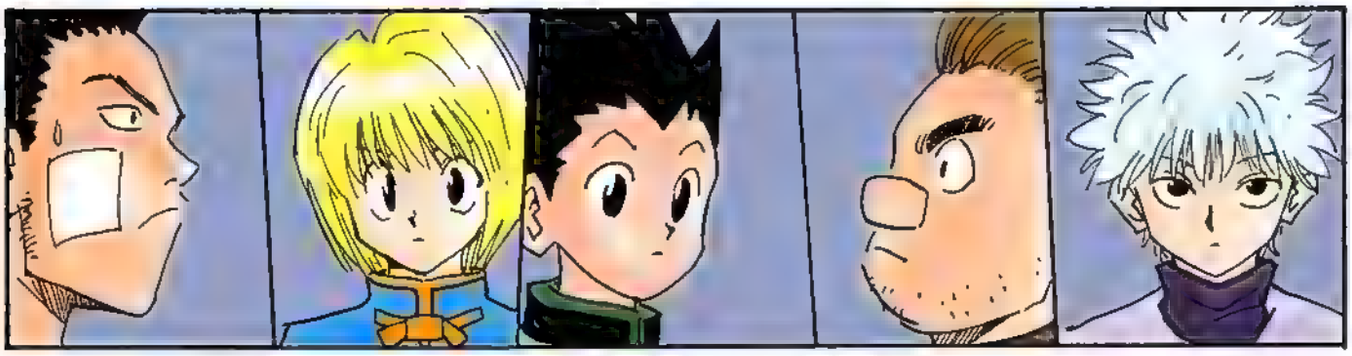


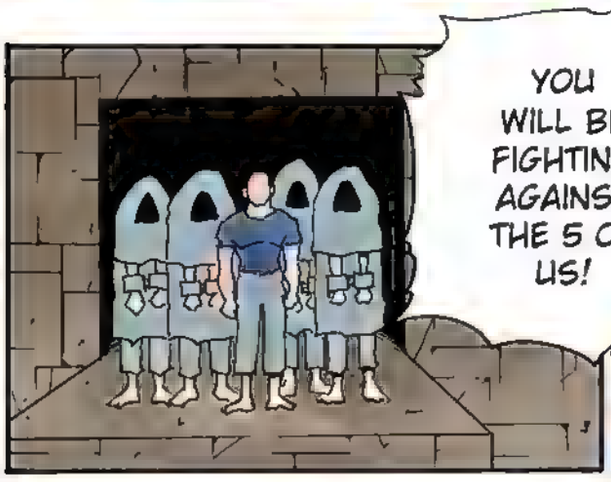
LOOK.



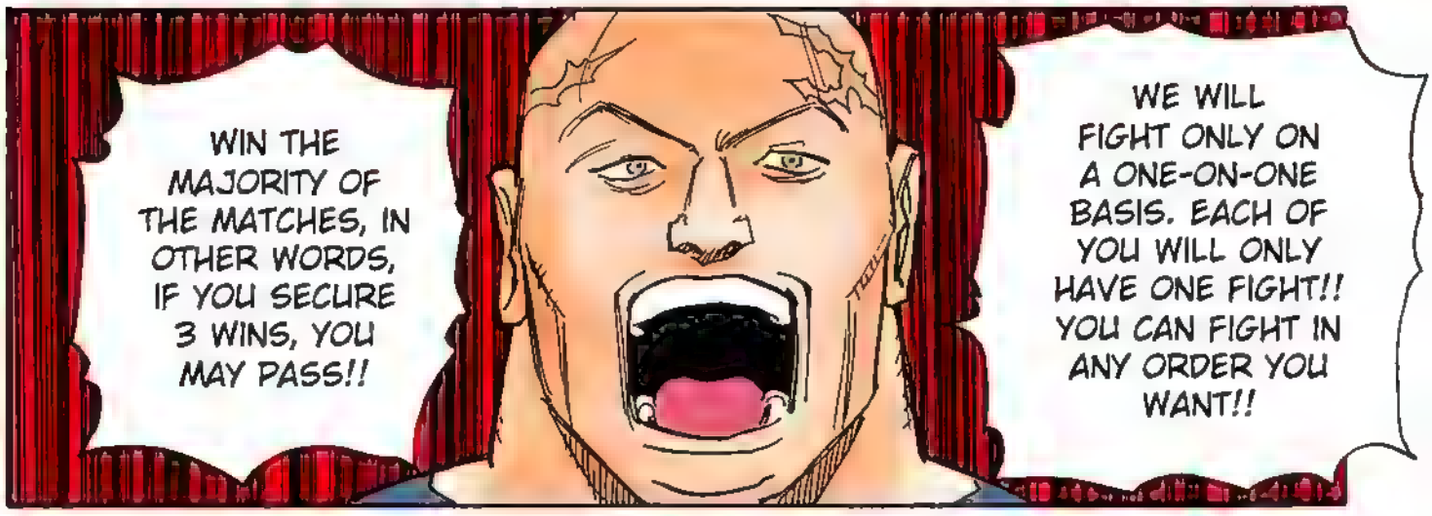


COPY THAT.
REMOVE MY HAND-CUFFS.
THE APPLI-CANTS ARE HERE.
I'M FINALLY FREE.
ALL RIGHT.




YOU WILL BE FIGHTING AGAINST THE 5 OF US!

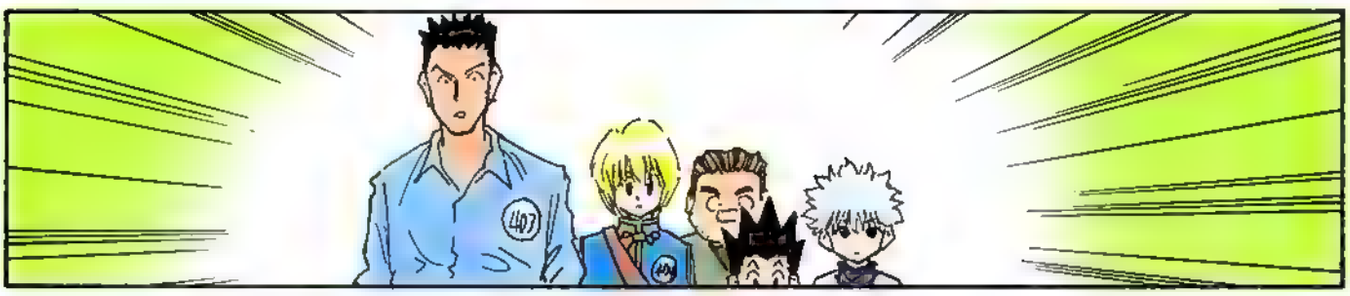
BEFORE YOU, WE ARE THE TRICK TOWER PRISONERS! THE COMMITTEE HAS OFFICIALLY HIRED US AS "EXAMINERS"!!


WIN THE MAJORITY OF THE MATCHES, IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU SECURE 3 WINS, YOU MAY PASS!!
WE WILL FIGHT ONLY ON A ONE-ON-ONE BASIS. EACH OF YOU WILL ONLY HAVE ONE FIGHT!! YOU CAN FIGHT IN ANY ORDER YOU WANT!!

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE.

THERE WILL BE NO DRAWS!! A WIN IS DECLARED WHEN THE OPPONENT ADMITS DEFEAT!!

YOU CAN FIGHT ANY WAY YOU LIKE!!



WE STILL HAVE TO CHOOSE?!

WHAT...

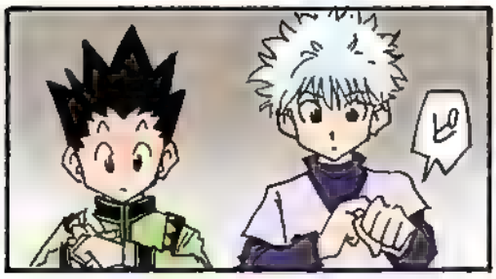
IN ORDER FOR US TO PASS THE TEST, WE HAVE TO FIGHT.

OF COURSE, EVERYONE WILL PRESS THE CIRCLE.

WHAT A WASTE OF TIME.

IF YES, PRESS THE CIRCLE. IF NO, PRESS THE X!!

DECIDE IF YOU WILL TAKE ON THIS CHALLENGE OR NOT BY VOTING!!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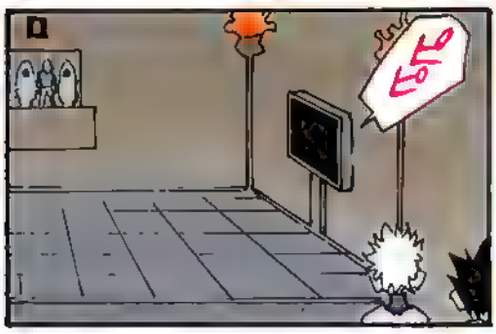
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YEAH, YEAH.
I KNOW.
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UNLESS SOMEONE TRIES TO MESS IT UP.

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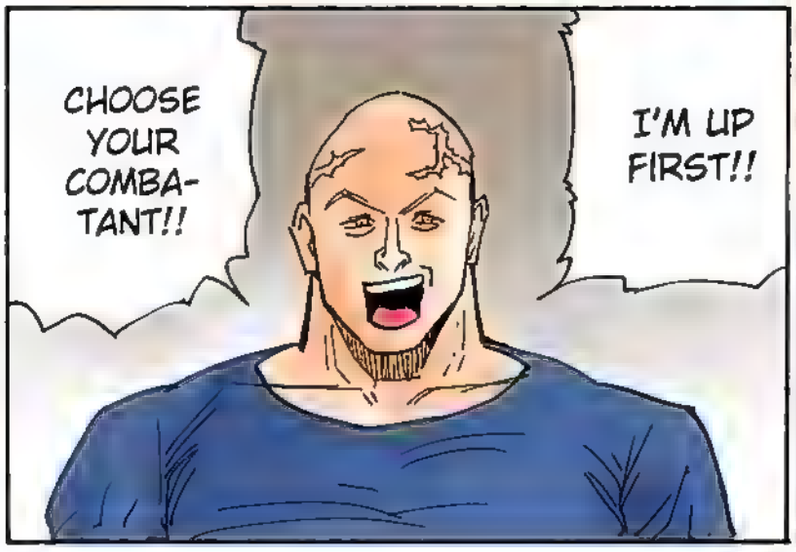
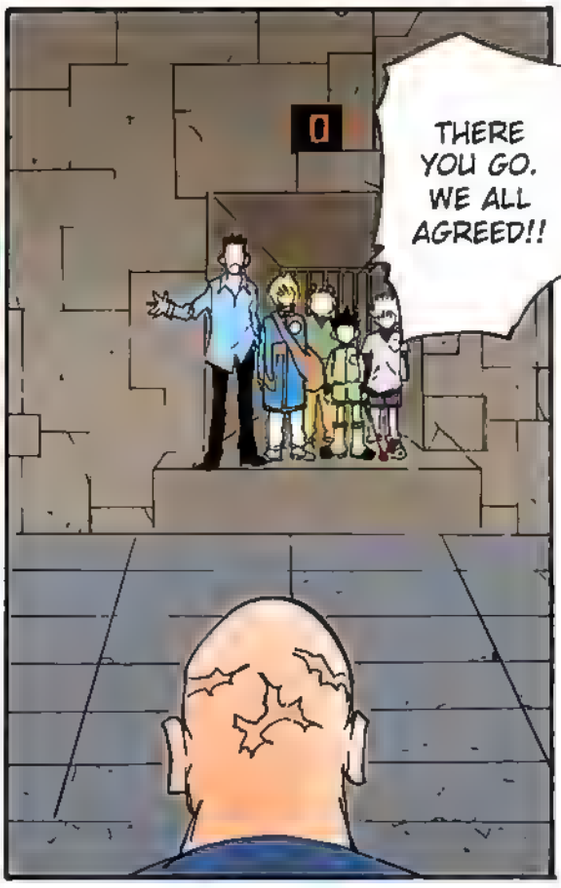
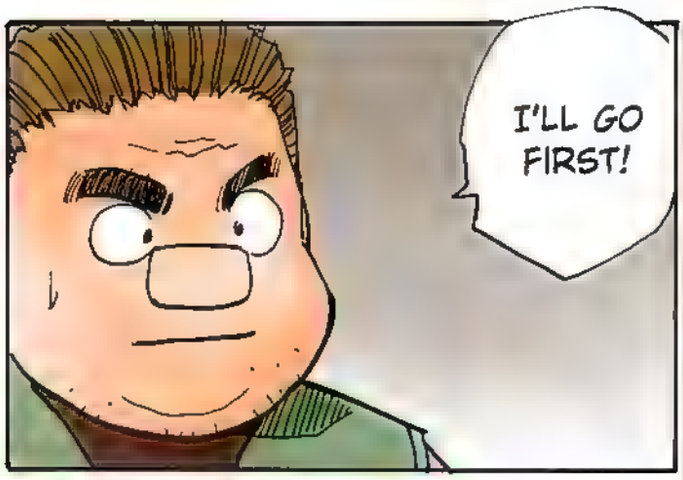
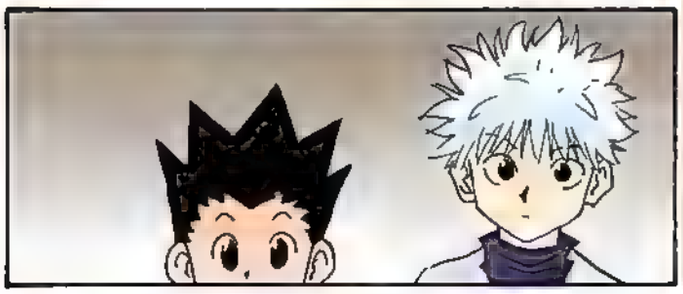
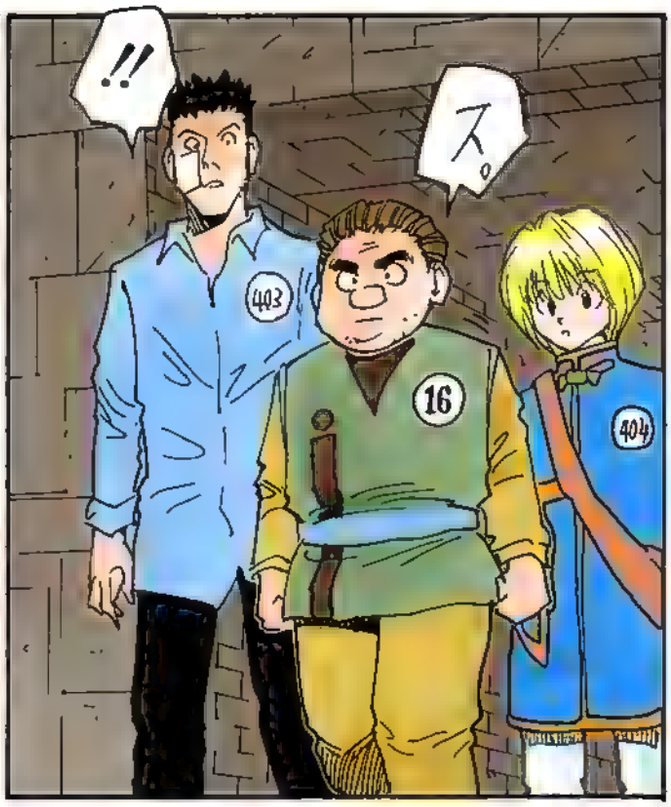
ALL RIGHT.


CHOOSE YOUR COMBA-TANT!!
I'M UP FIRST!!


THERE YOU GO. WE ALL AGREED!!


I'LL GO FIRST!

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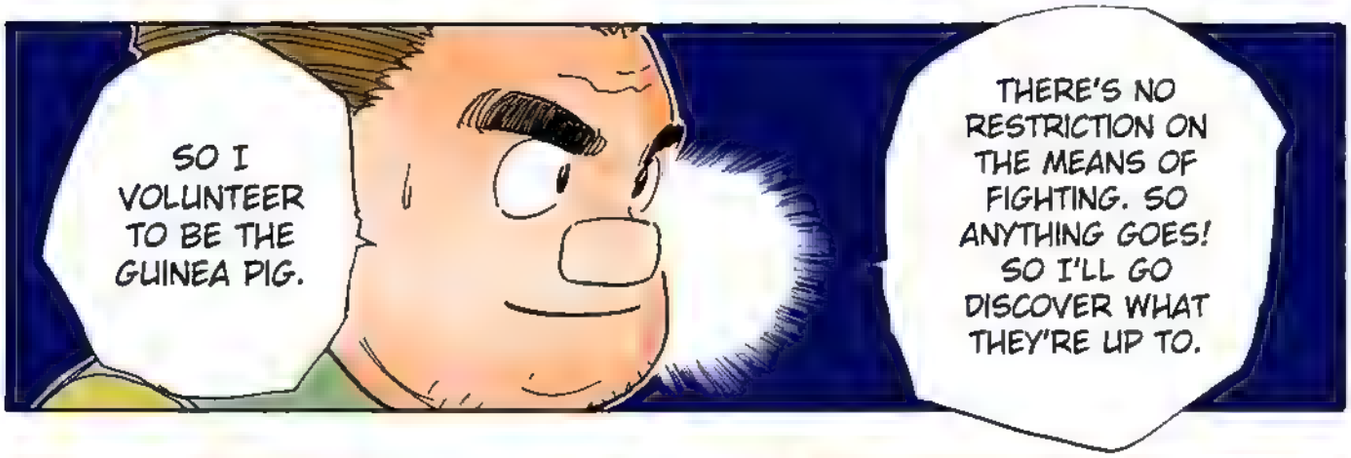
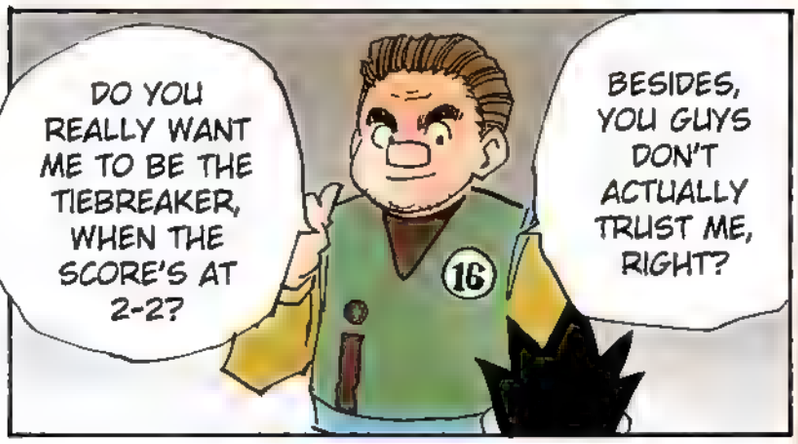

SO I VOLUNTEER TO BE THE GUINEA PIG.
THERE'S NO RESTRICTION ON THE MEANS OF FIGHTING. SO ANYTHING GOES! SO I'LL GO DISCOVER WHAT THEY'RE UP TO.


DO YOU REALLY WANT ME TO BE THE TIEBREAKER, WHEN THE SCORE'S AT 2-2?
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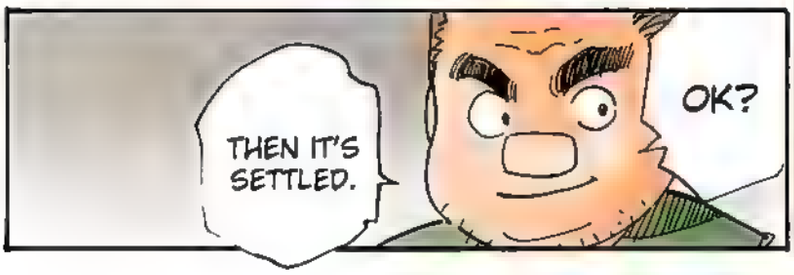
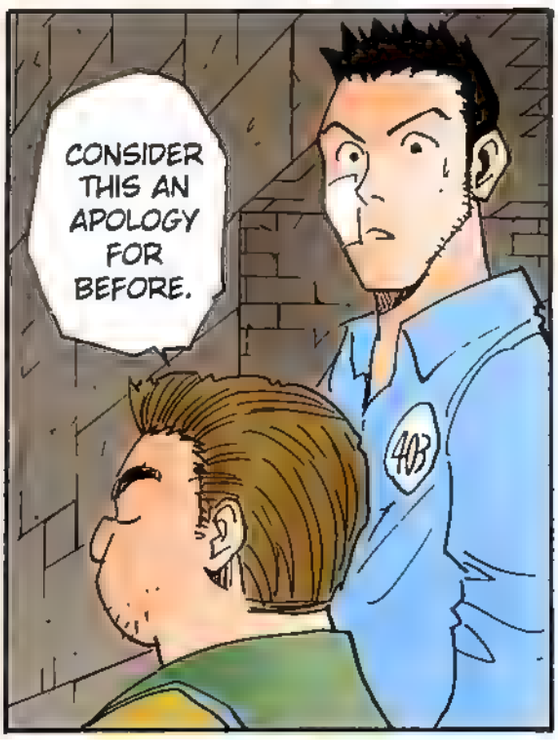
BESIDES, YOU GUYS DON'T ACTUALLY TRUST ME, RIGHT?


THEN IT'S SETTLED.
OK?


CONSIDER THIS AN APOLOGY FOR BEFORE.
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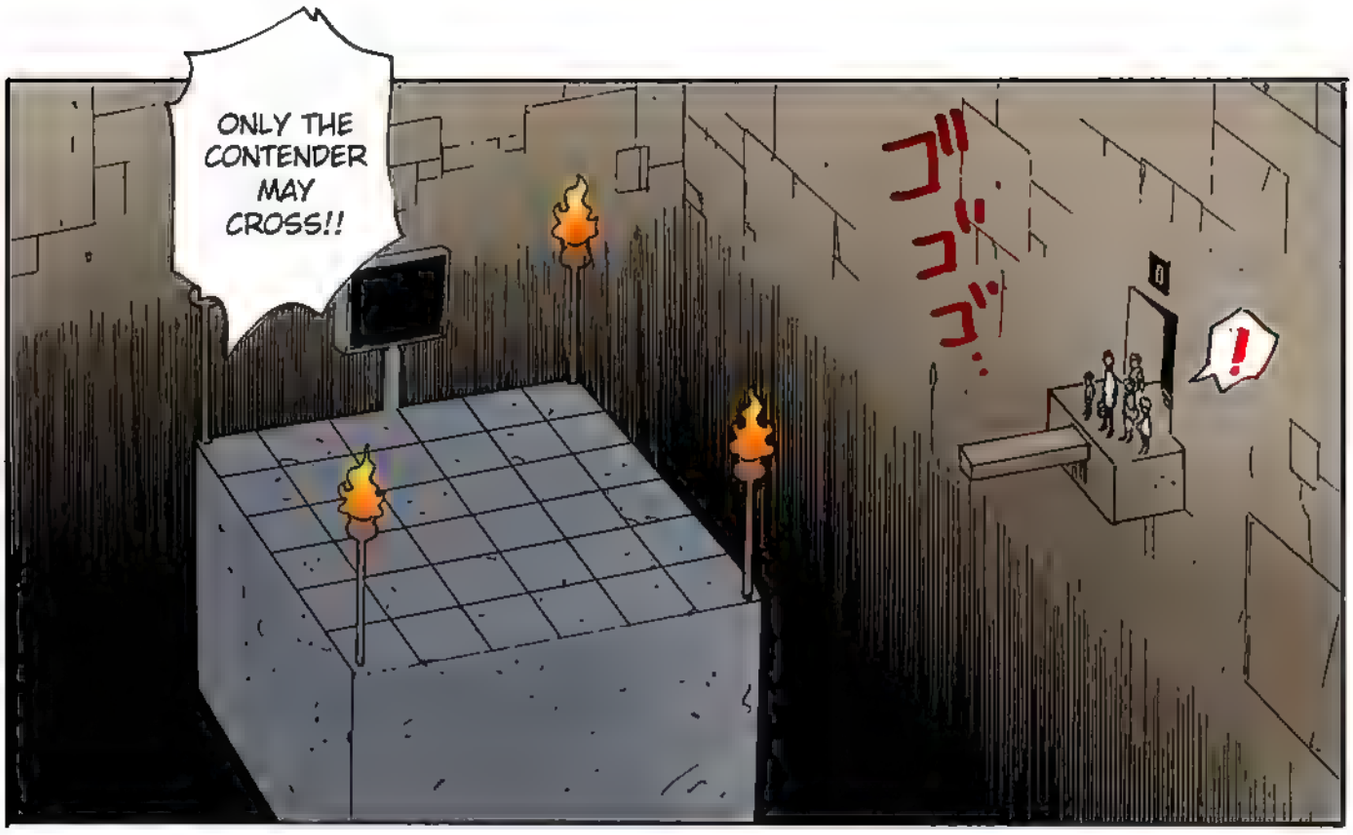
ONLY THE CONTENDER MAY CROSS!!
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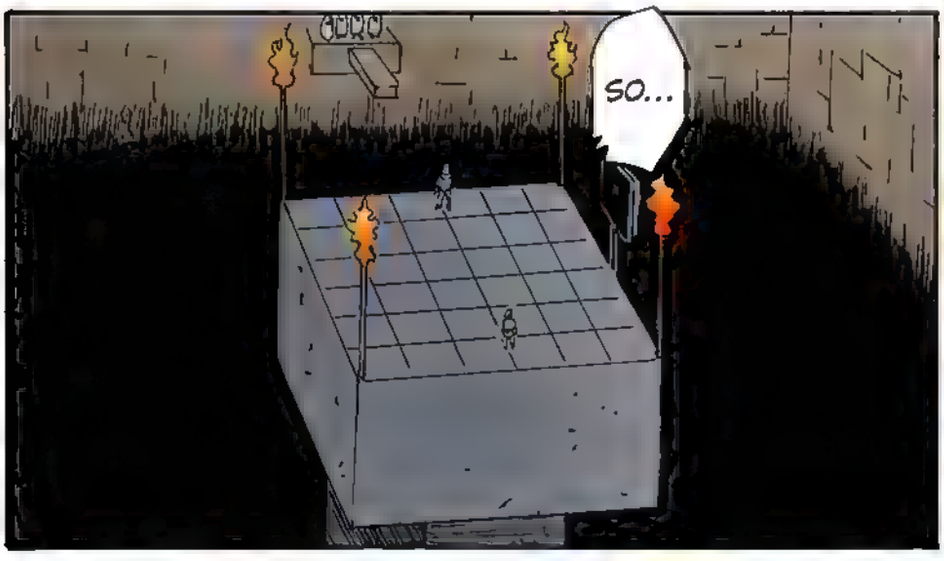
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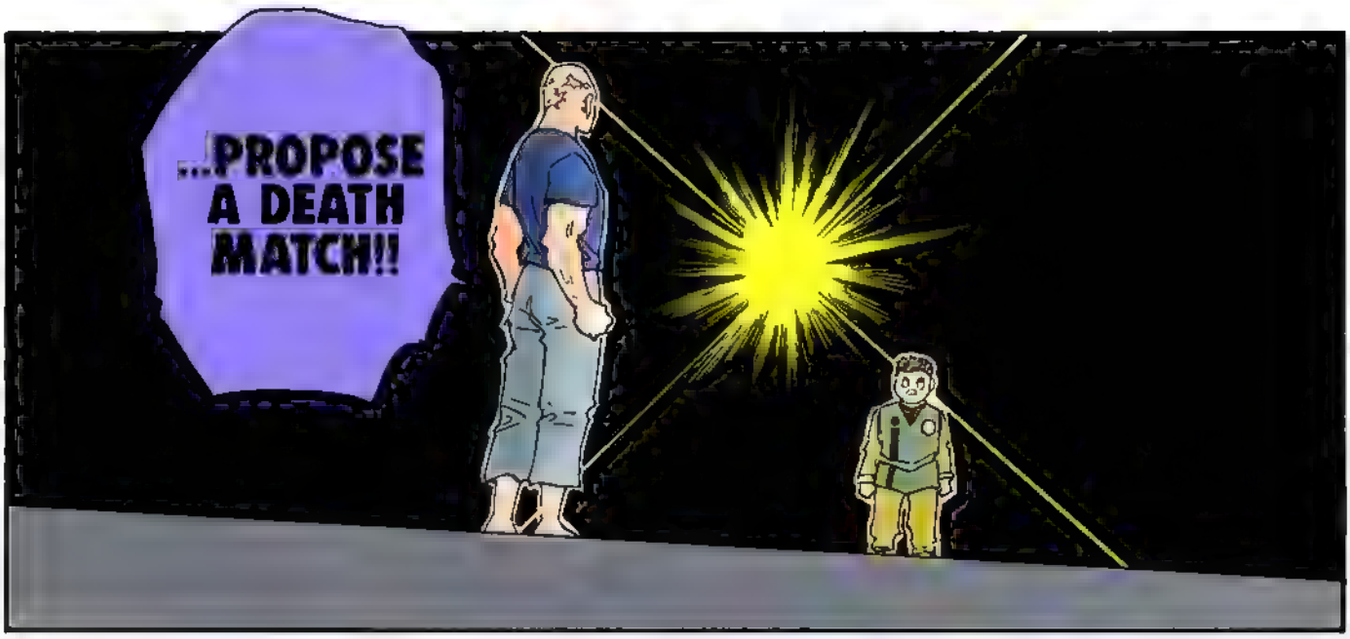
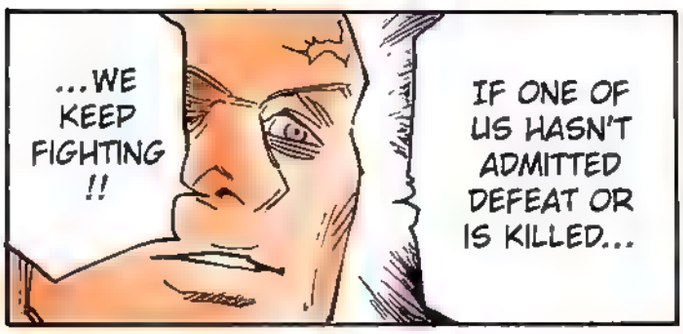
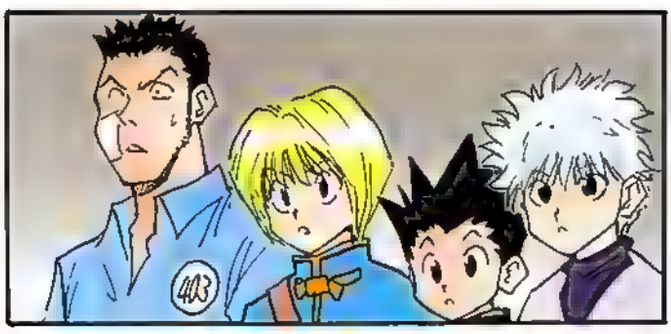
I...
LET'S DETERMINE THE METHOD OF COMBAT.


...PROPOSE A DEATH MATCH!!


...WE KEEP FIGHTING !!
IF ONE OF US HASN'T ADMITTED DEFEAT OR IS KILLED...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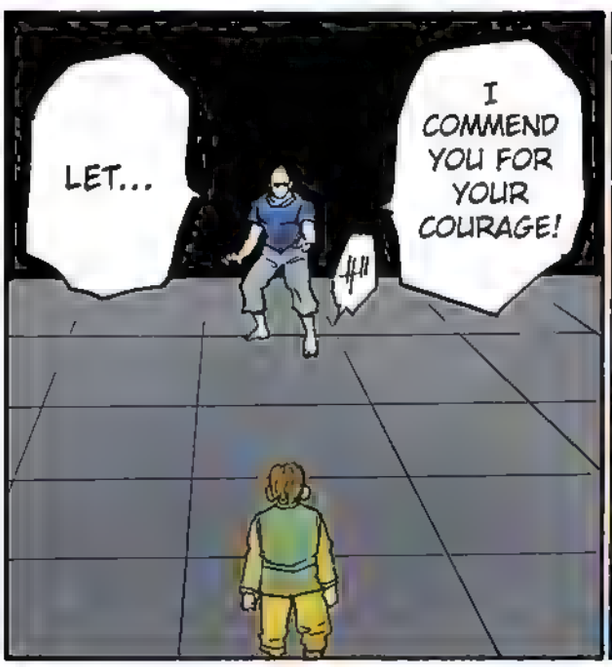
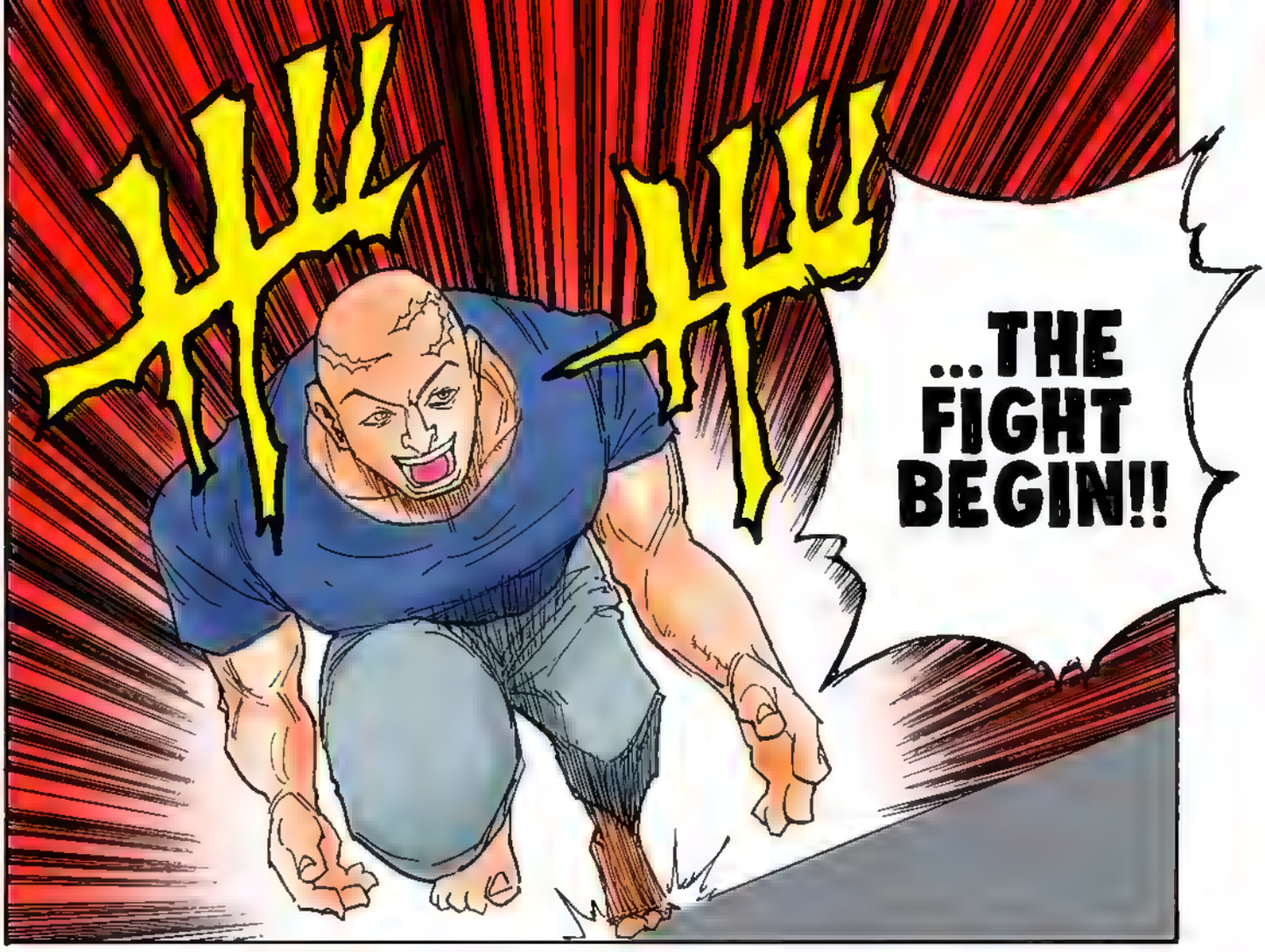
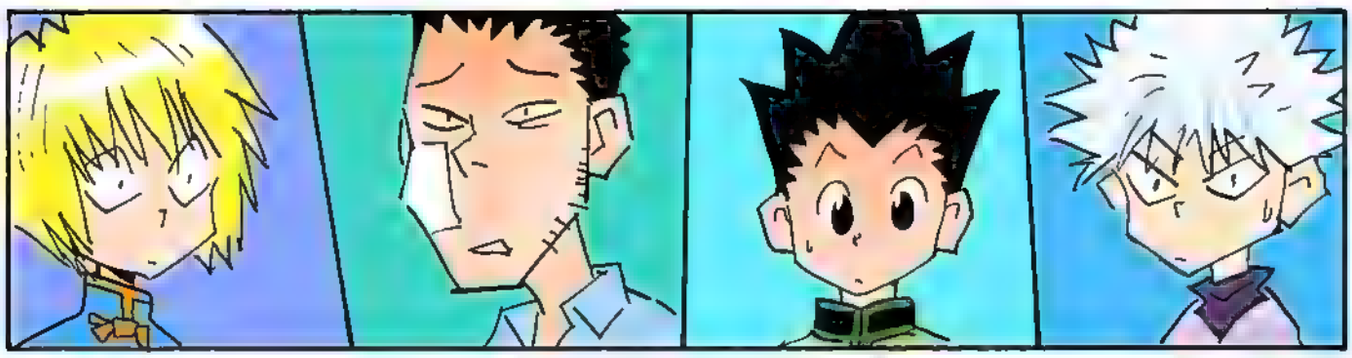

LET...
I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE!

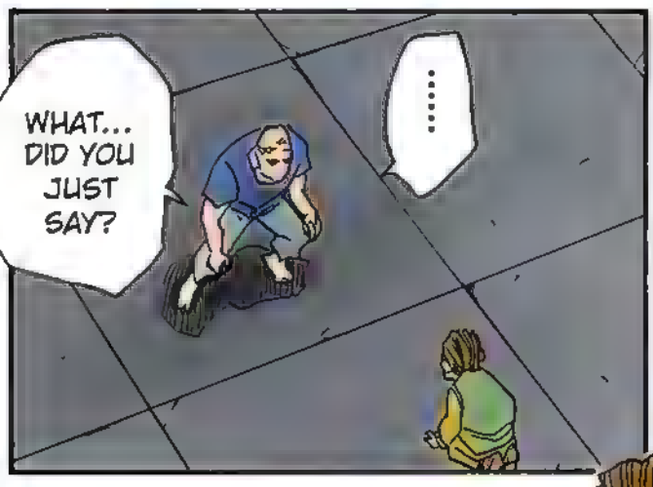
TONPA ...!!

I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE !!
VERY WELL ...!!


...THE FIGHT BEGIN!!

I GIVE UP!!!




WHAT... DID YOU JUST SAY?
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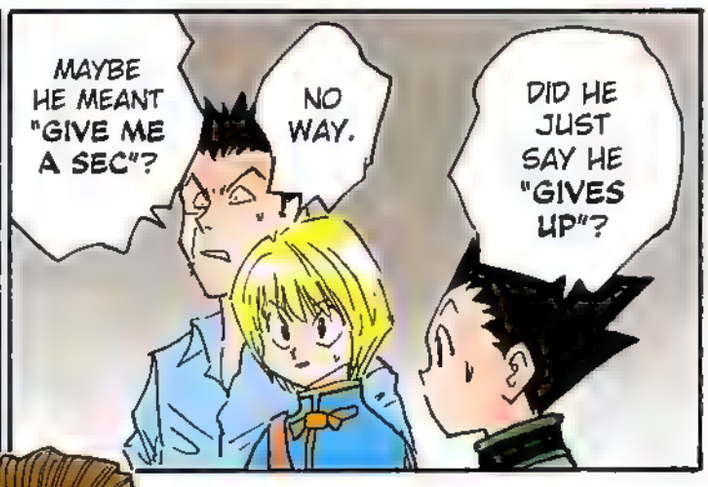
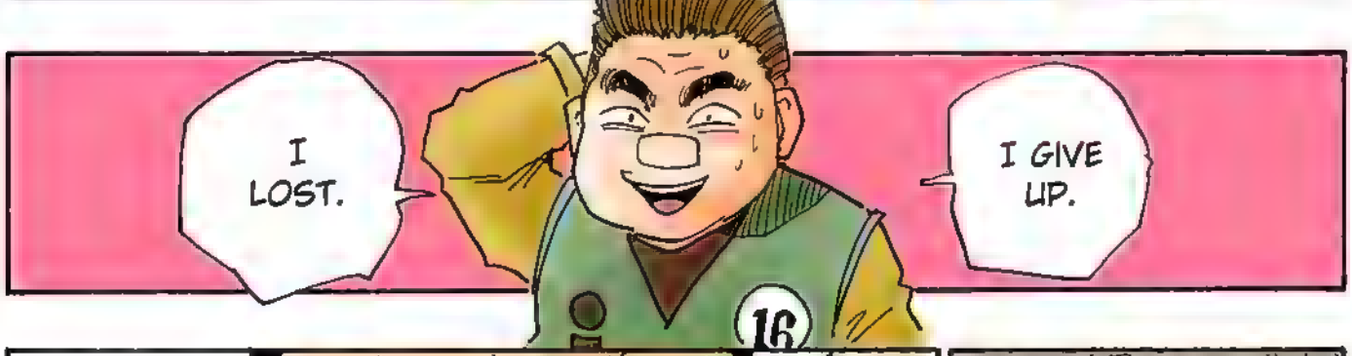
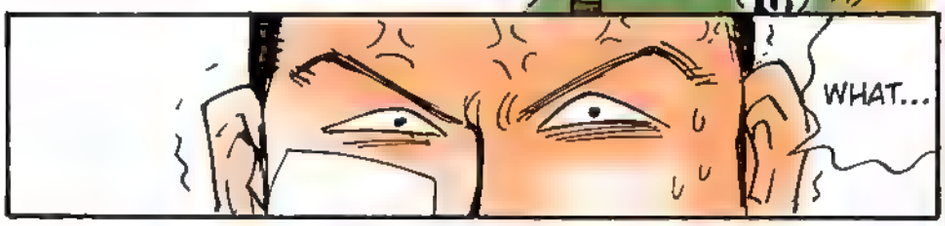

MAYBE HE MEANT "GIVE ME A SEC"?
NO WAY.
DID HE JUST SAY HE "GIVES UP"?


I LOST.
I GIVE UP.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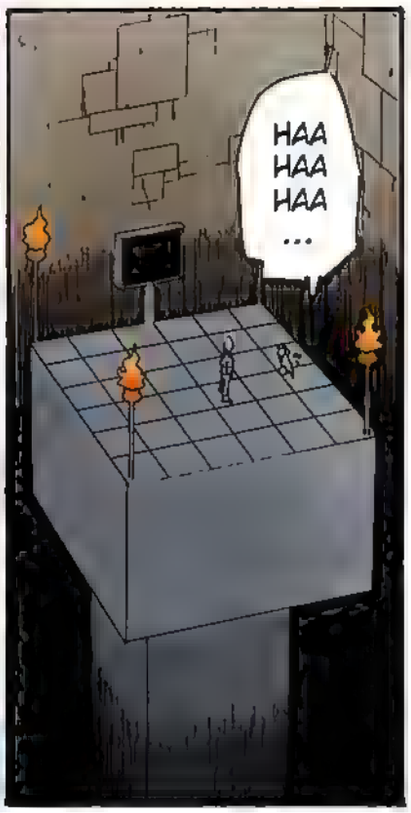
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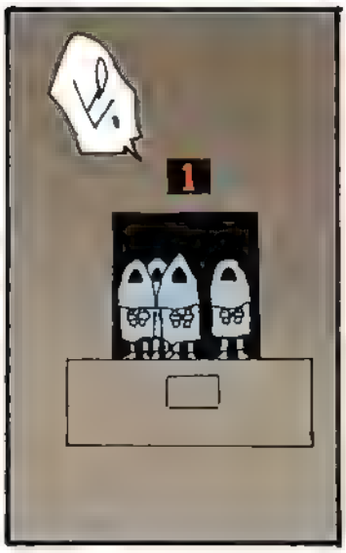
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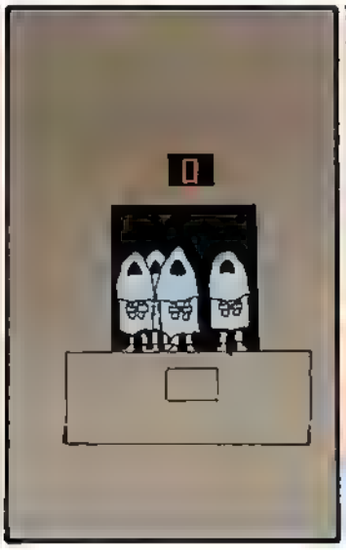
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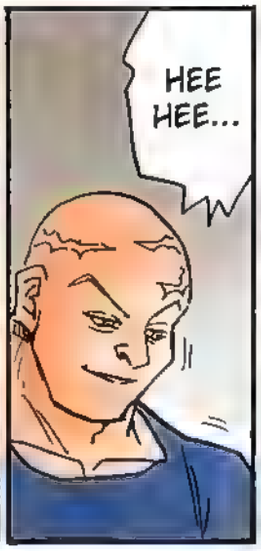
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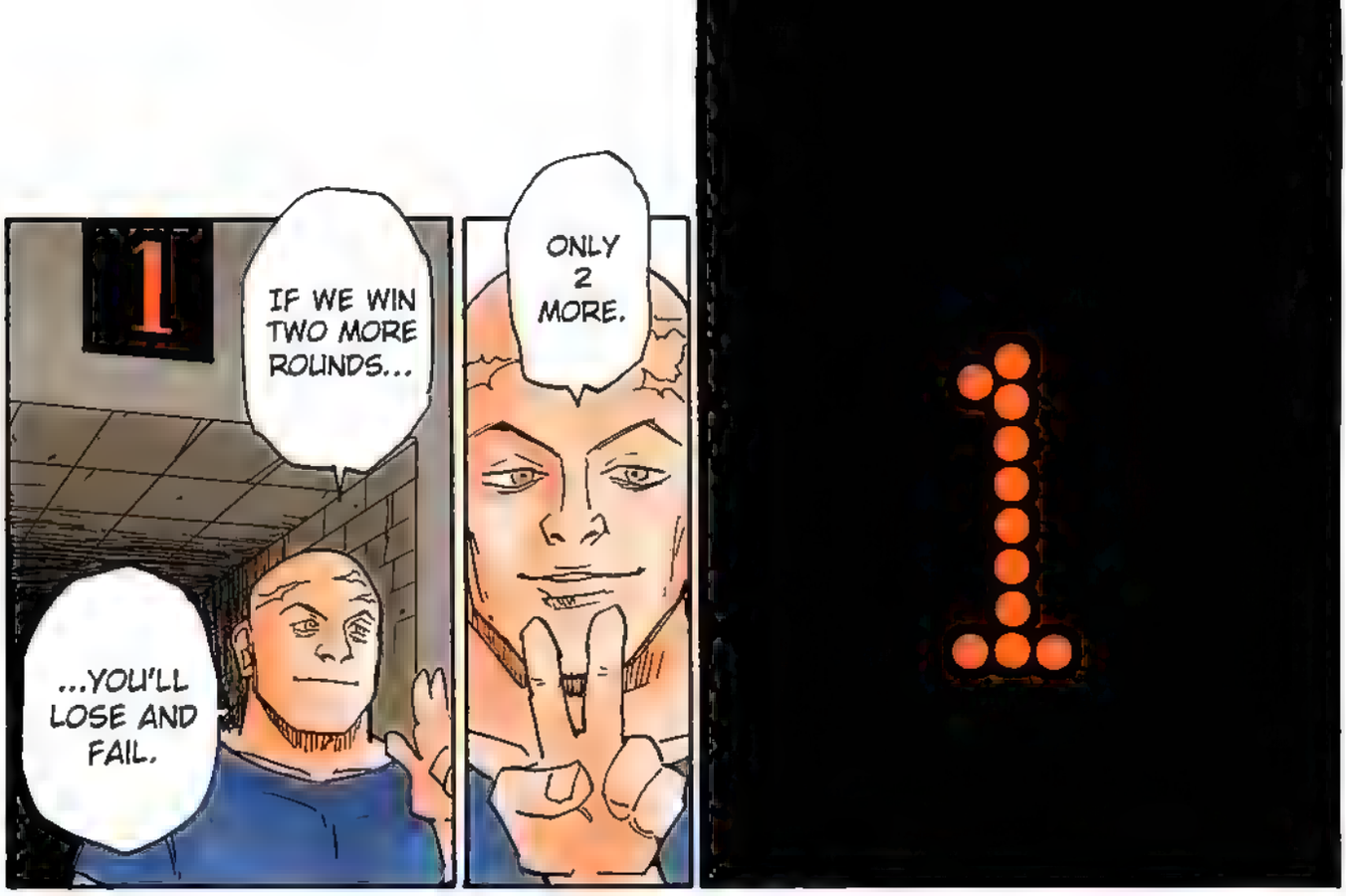
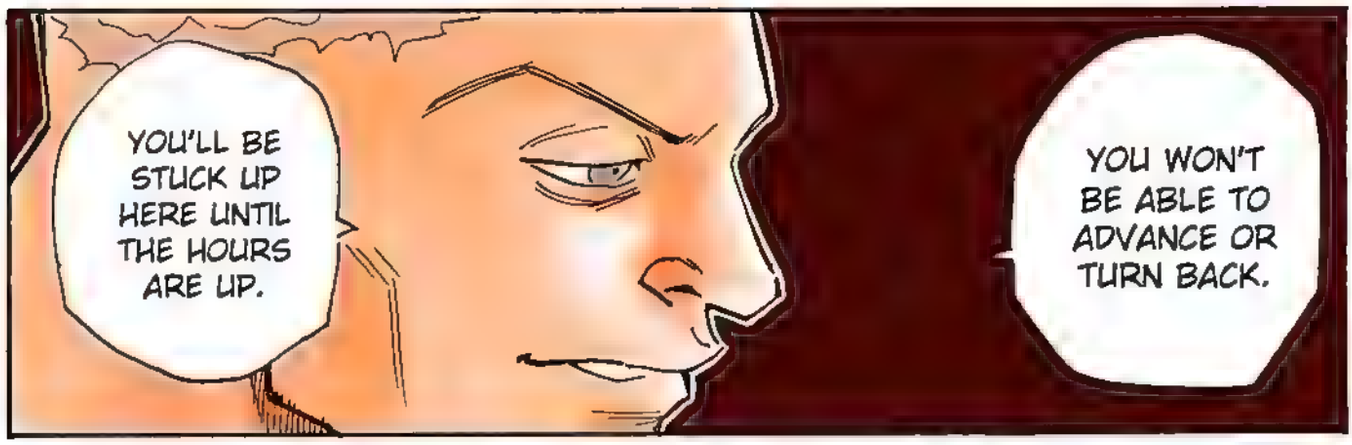
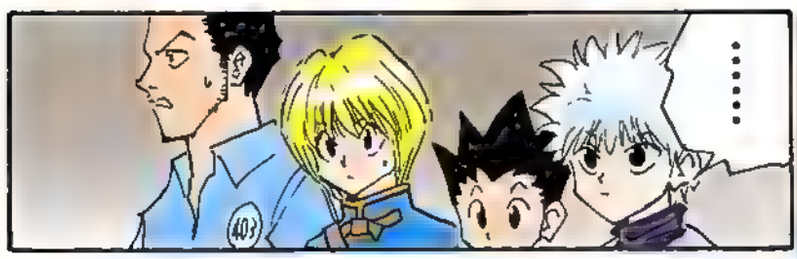
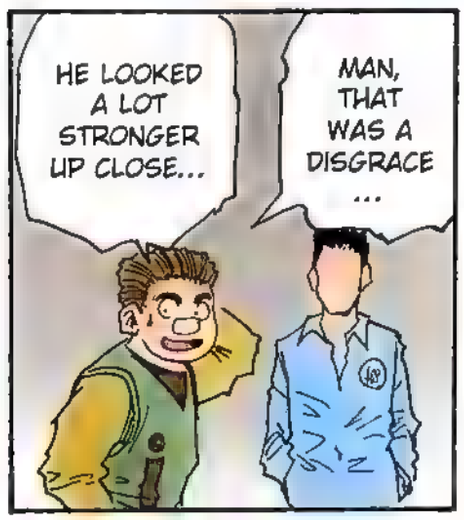
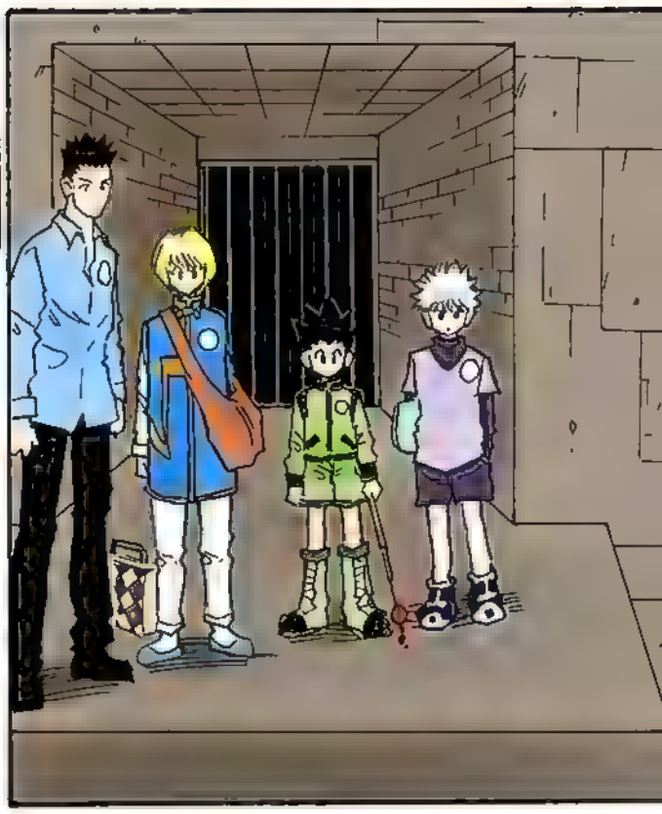



WE HAVE 4 HOURS LEFT AND WE NEED 3 WINS...!!



YOU'RE JUST A PIECE OF TRASH OUT TO SABOTAGE OTHERS!
NOW I'M CONVINCED.
BAS-TARD.
!!
AND I PLAN TO CONTINUE DOING SO...!!
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S WHAT I DO EVERY YEAR.
LISTEN CARE-FULLY...
LOOK ...
THEY'RE ALREADY FIGHTING.
THAT'S HOW I'VE SURVIVED.
...ON BECOMING A HUNTER.
UNLIKE YOU GUYS, I HAVE NO INTENTIONS...
THIS'LL BE TOO EASY.
HEH HEH ...

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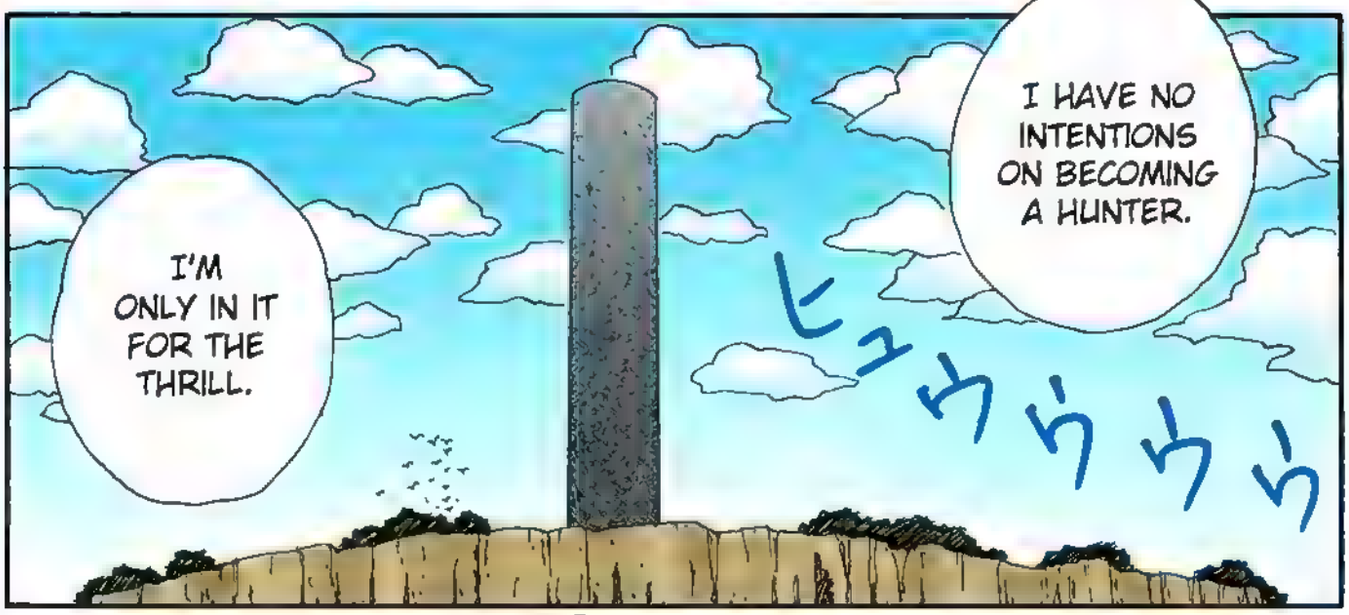


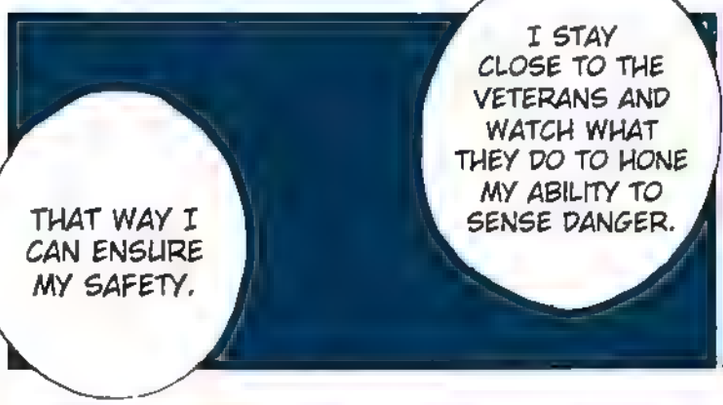


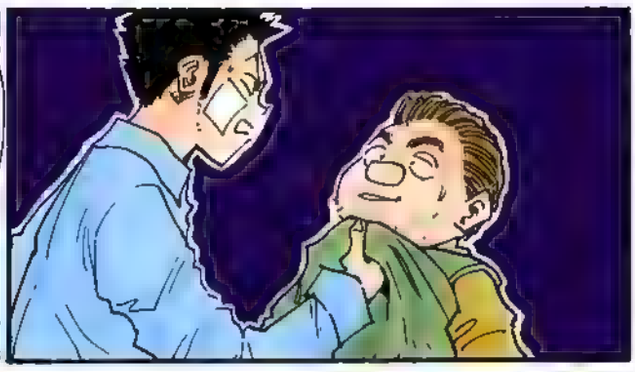

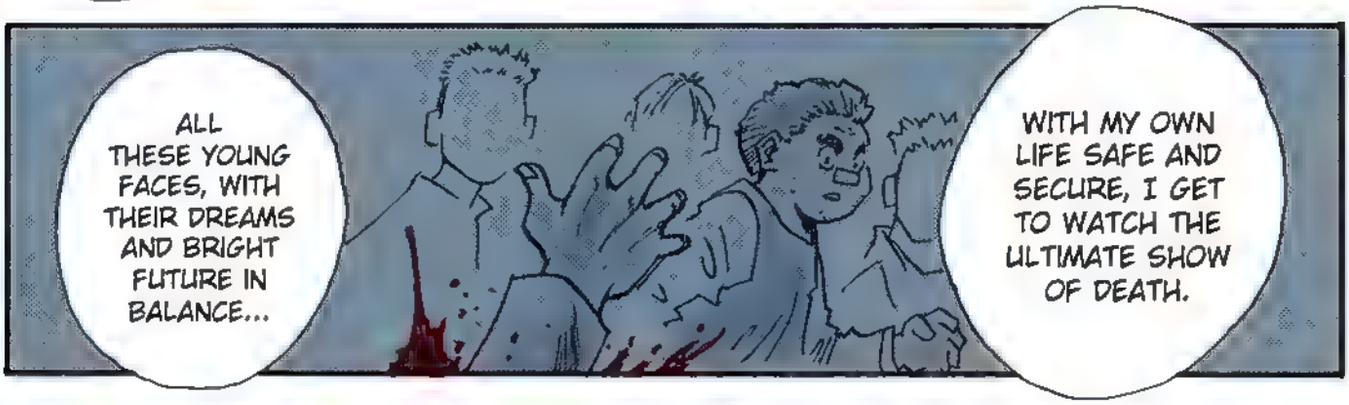


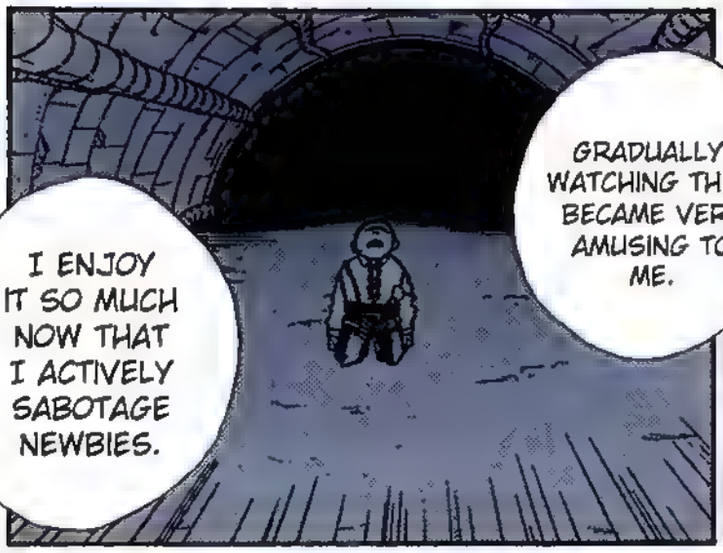

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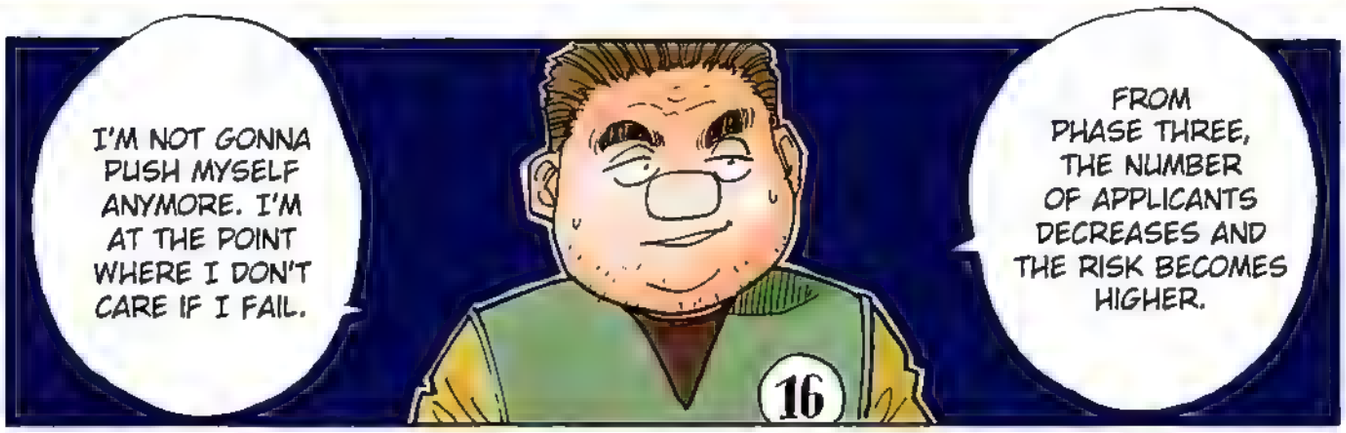
I'VE ALREADY HAD ENOUGH FUN THIS YEAR, IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO WITHDRAW.


I'M NOT GONNA PUSH MYSELF ANYMORE. I'M AT THE POINT WHERE I DON'T CARE IF I FAIL.
FROM PHASE THREE, THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS DECREASES AND THE RISK BECOMES HIGHER.
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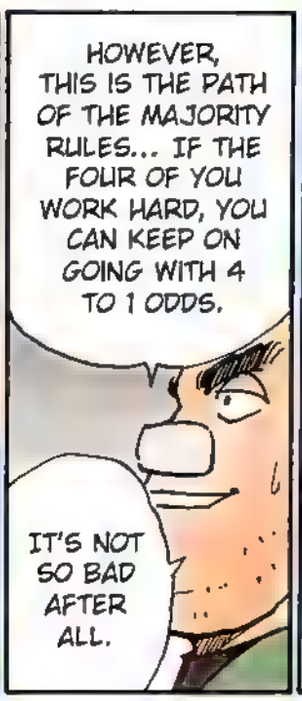
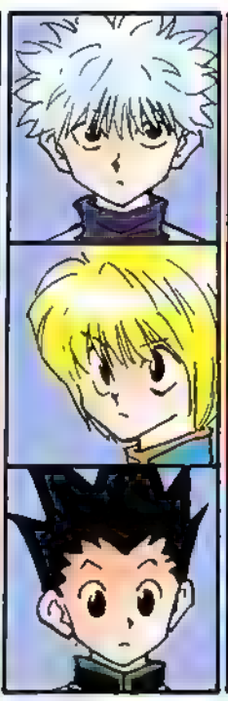

HOWEVER, THIS IS THE PATH OF THE MAJORITY RULES... IF THE FOUR OF YOU WORK HARD, YOU CAN KEEP ON GOING WITH 4 TO 1 ODDS.
IT'S NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL.



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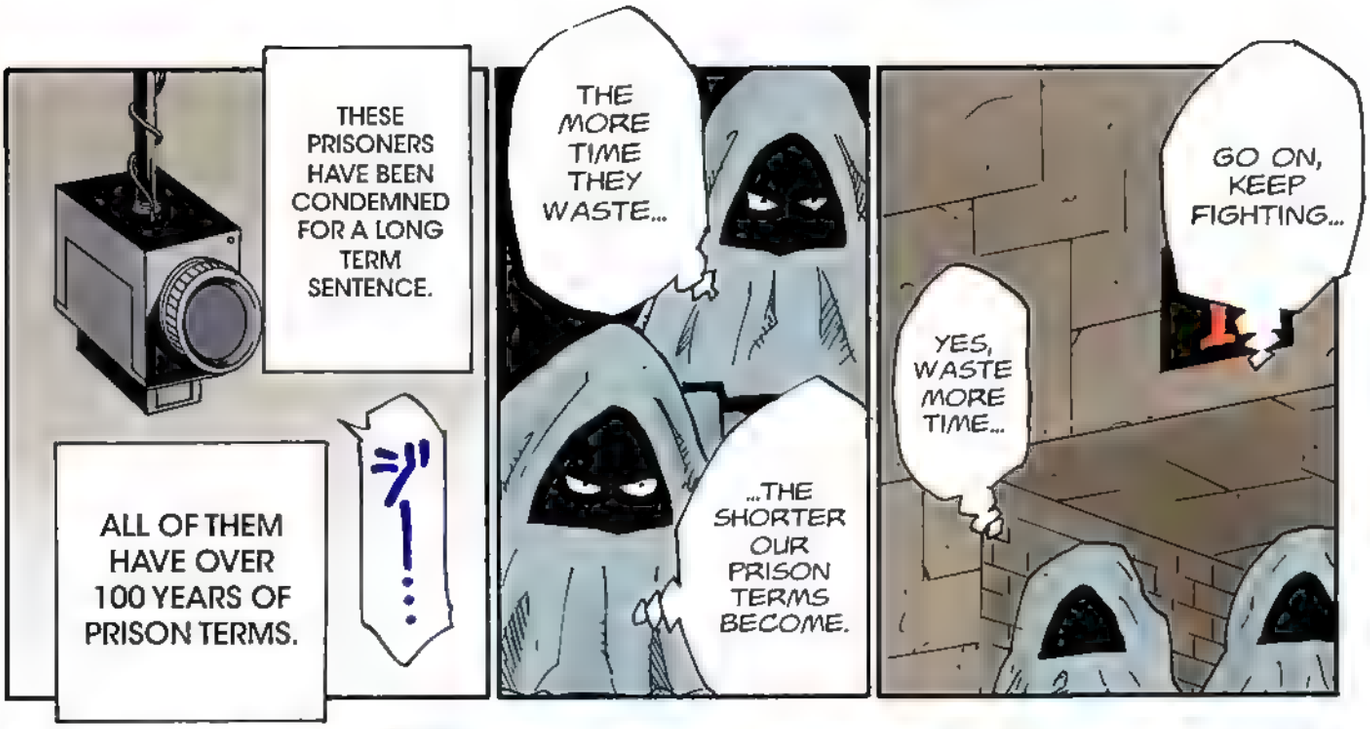
THESE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED FOR A LONG TERM SENTENCE.
ALL OF THEM HAVE OVER 100 YEARS OF PRISON TERMS.
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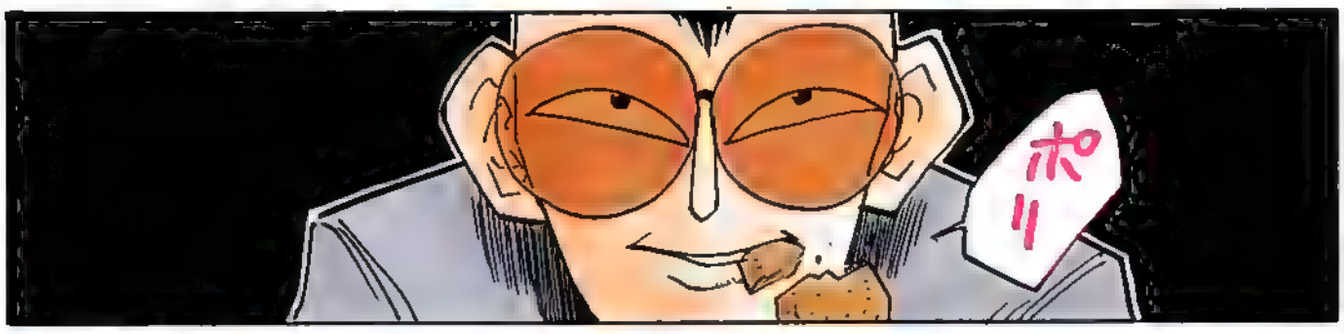
THE MORE TIME THEY WASTE...
...THE SHORTER OUR PRISON TERMS BECOME.
GO ON, KEEP FIGHTING...
YES, WASTE MORE TIME...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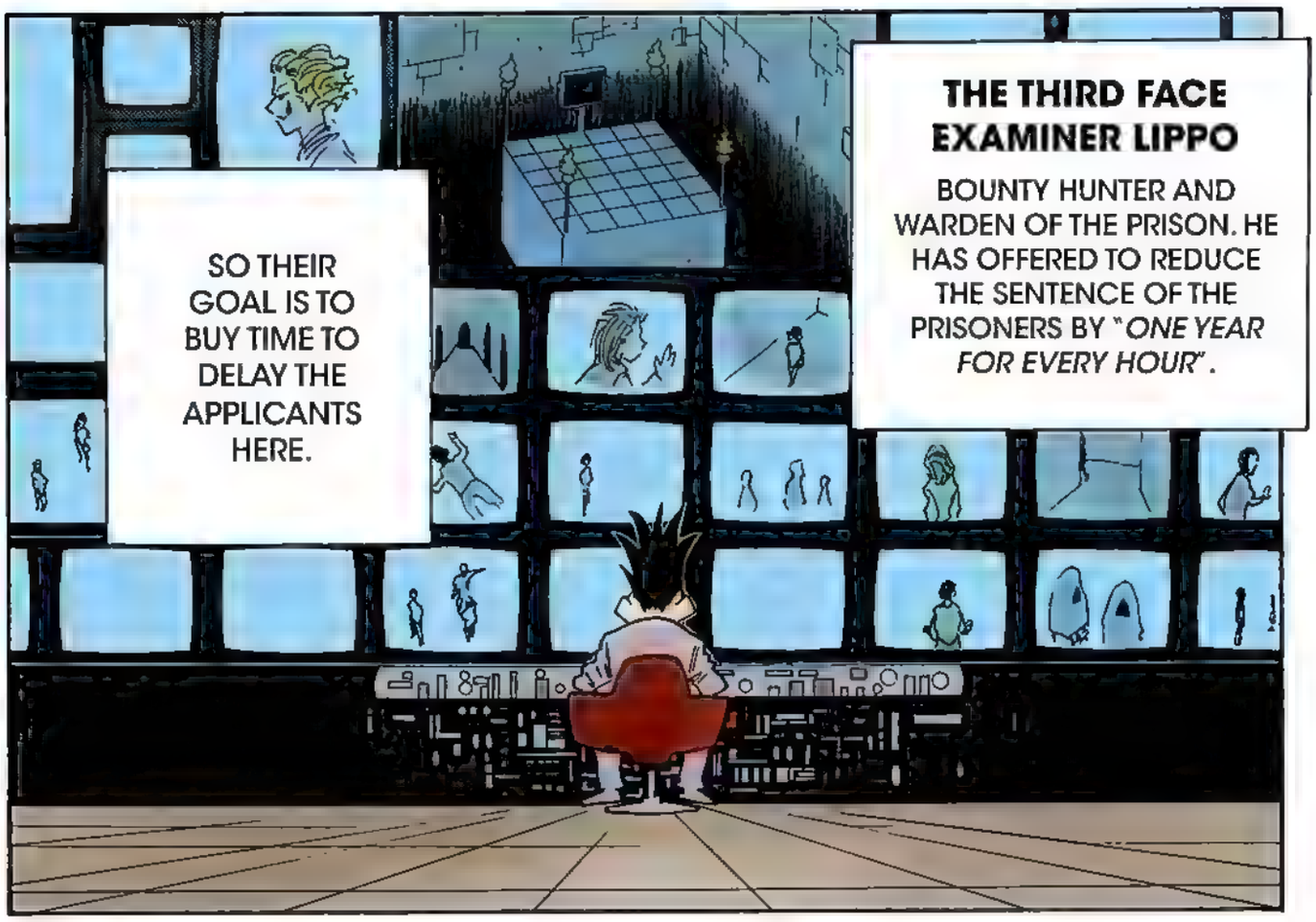
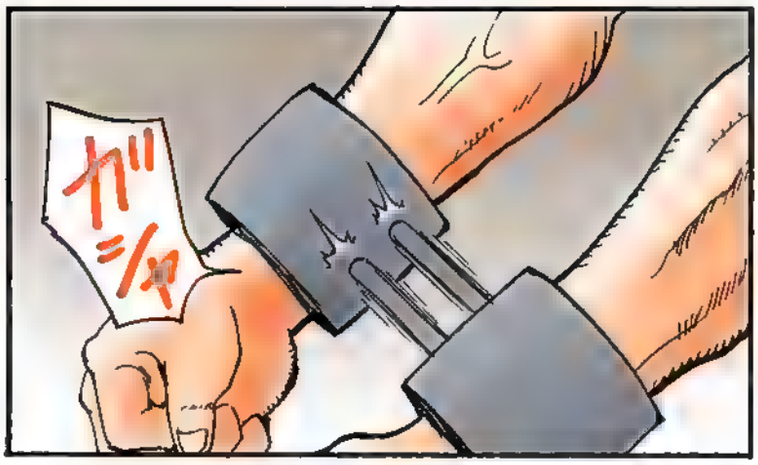

SO THEIR GOAL IS TO BUY TIME TO DELAY THE APPLICANTS HERE.
THE THIRD FACE
EXAMINER LIPPO
BOUNTY HUNTER AND WARDEN OF THE PRISON. HE HAS OFFERED TO REDUCE THE SENTENCE OF THE PRISONERS BY "*ONE YEAR FOR EVERY HOUR*".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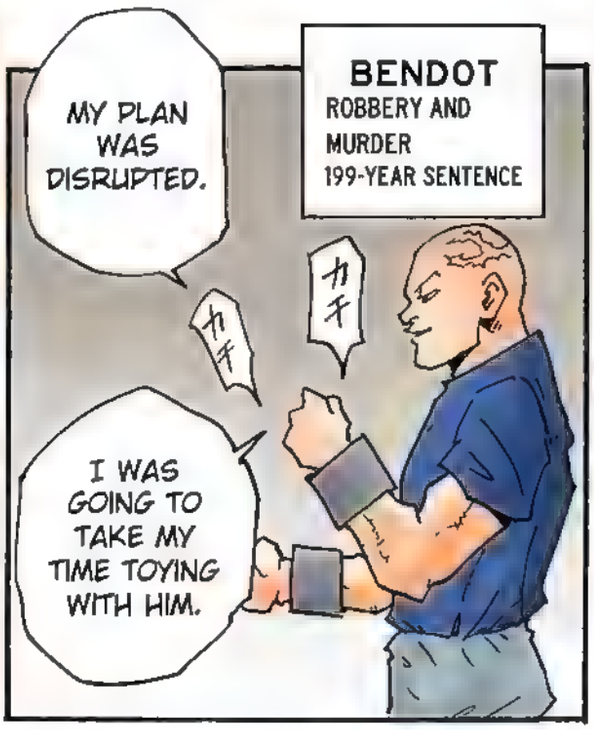
BENDOT
ROBBERY AND MURDER
199-YEAR SENTENCE
MY PLAN WAS DISRUPTED.
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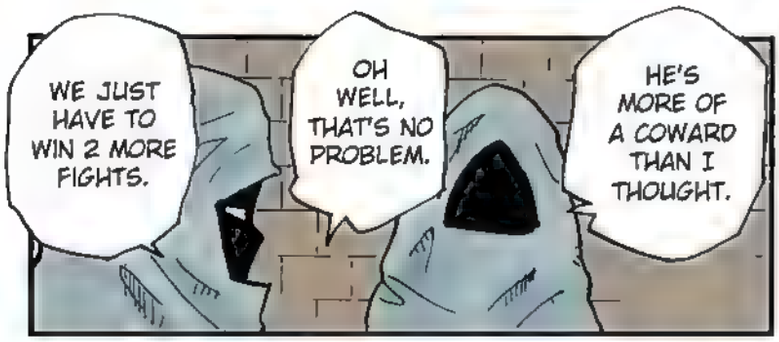
I WAS GOING TO TAKE MY TIME TOYING WITH HIM.


WE JUST HAVE TO WIN 2 MORE FIGHTS.
OH WELL, THAT'S NO PROBLEM.
HE'S MORE OF A COWARD THAN I THOUGHT.

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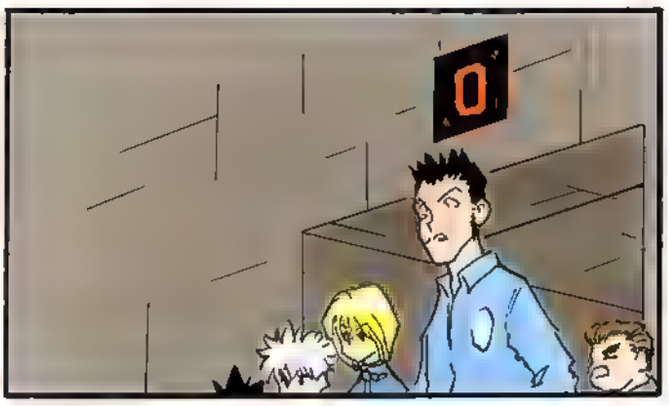
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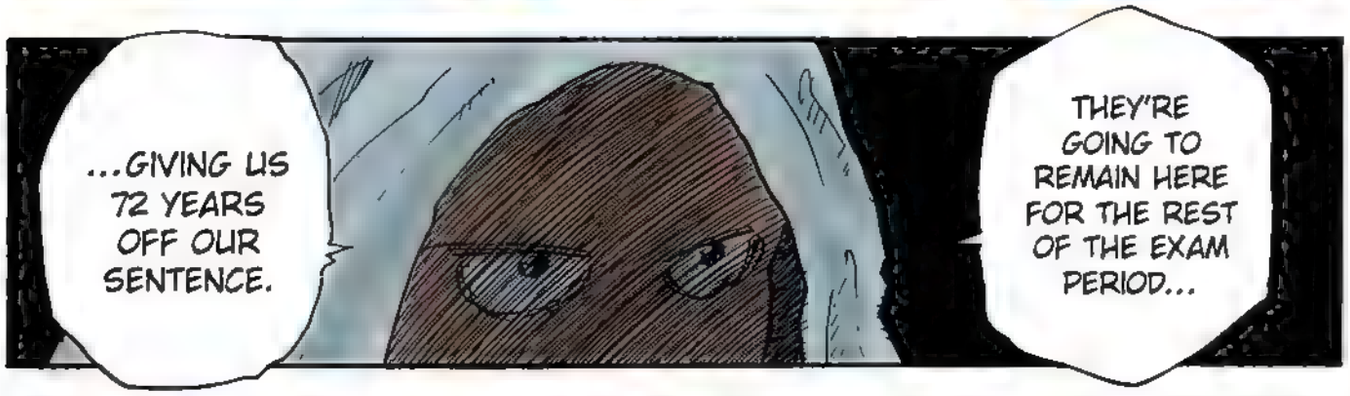
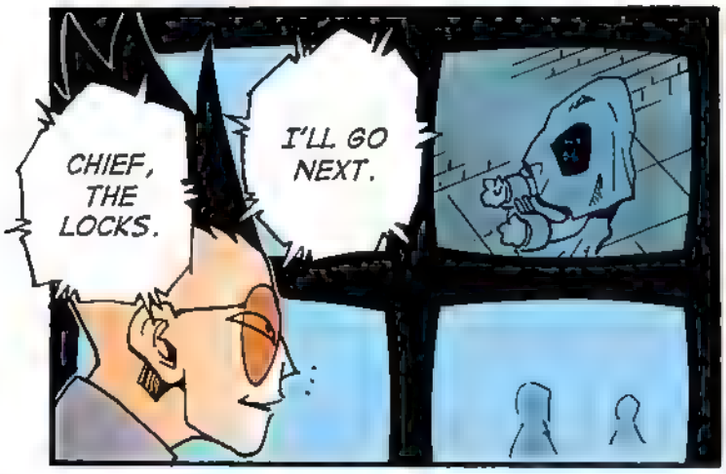
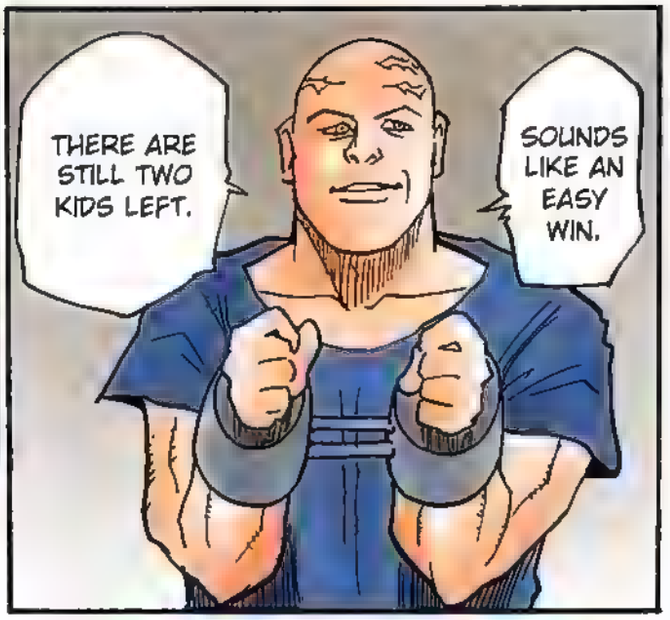
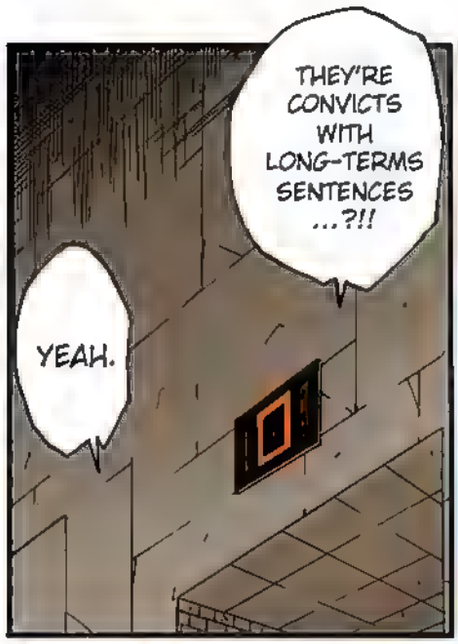
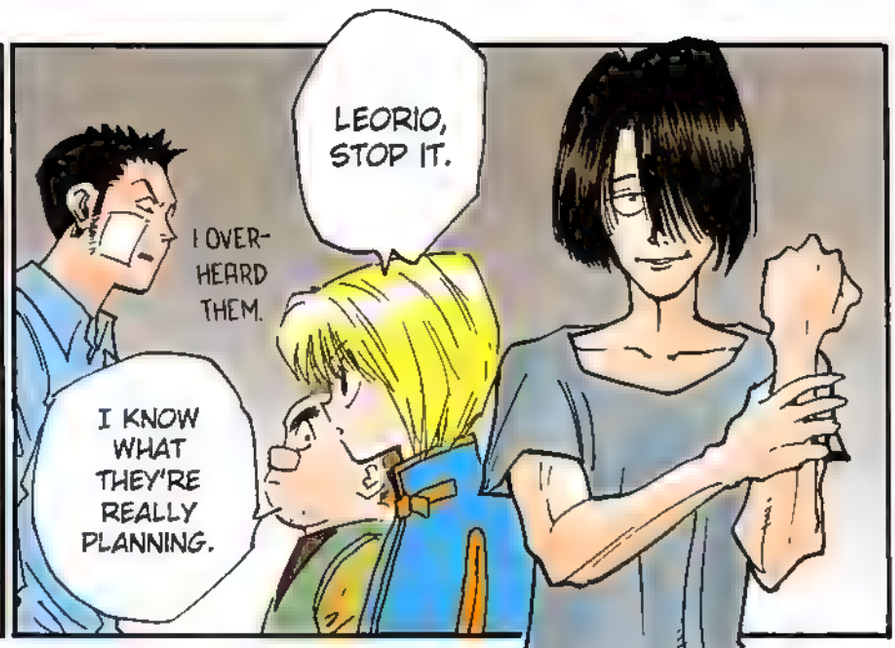

...GIVING US 72 YEARS OFF OUR SENTENCE.
THEY'RE GOING TO REMAIN HERE FOR THE REST OF THE EXAM PERIOD...

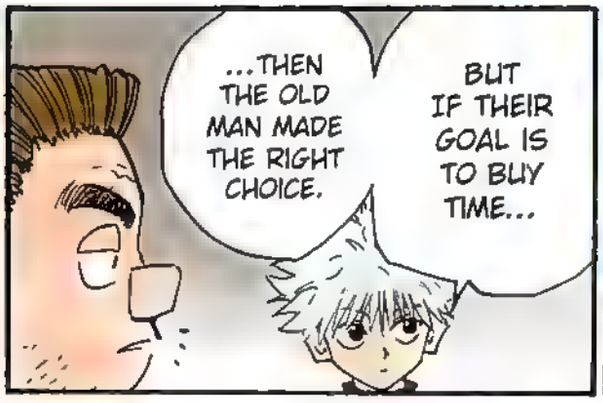

CHIEF, THE LOCKS.
I'LL GO NEXT.

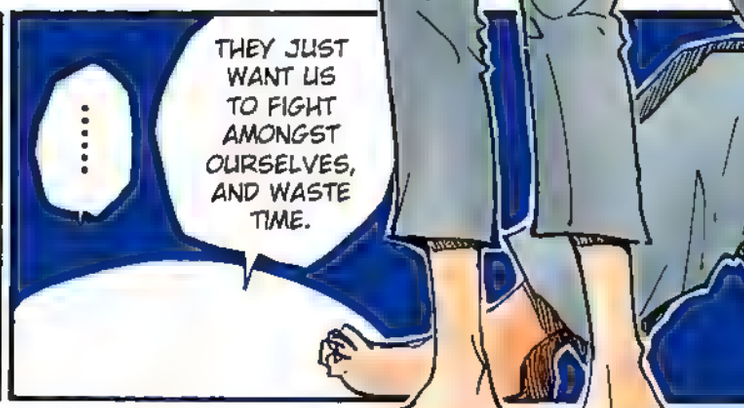

THERE ARE STILL TWO KIDS LEFT.
SOUNDS LIKE AN EASY WIN.


THEY'RE CONVICTS WITH LONG-TERMS SENTENCES ...?!!
YEAH.


LEORIO, STOP IT.
I OVER-HEARD THEM.
I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE REALLY PLANNING.

...THE MORE THEIR SENTENCES WILL BE REDUCED BY THE HOUR.
IF THEY MANAGED TO KEEP US HERE IN THE TRICK TOWER..


...THEN THE OLD MAN MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.
BUT IF THEIR GOAL IS TO BUY TIME...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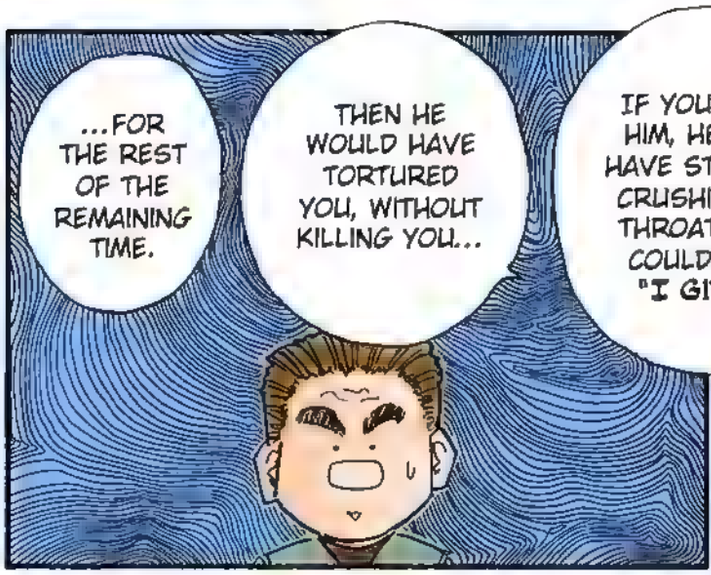
THEY JUST WANT US TO FIGHT AMONGST OURSELVES, AND WASTE TIME.


...FOR THE REST OF THE REMAINING TIME.
THEN HE WOULD HAVE TORTURED YOU, WITHOUT KILLING YOU...

IF YOU FOUGHT HIM, HE WOULD HAVE STARTED BY CRUSHING YOUR THROAT SO YOU COULDN'T SAY, "I GIVE UP."
THAT BALD GUY IS PROBABLY A FORMER SOLDIER OR MERCENARY.

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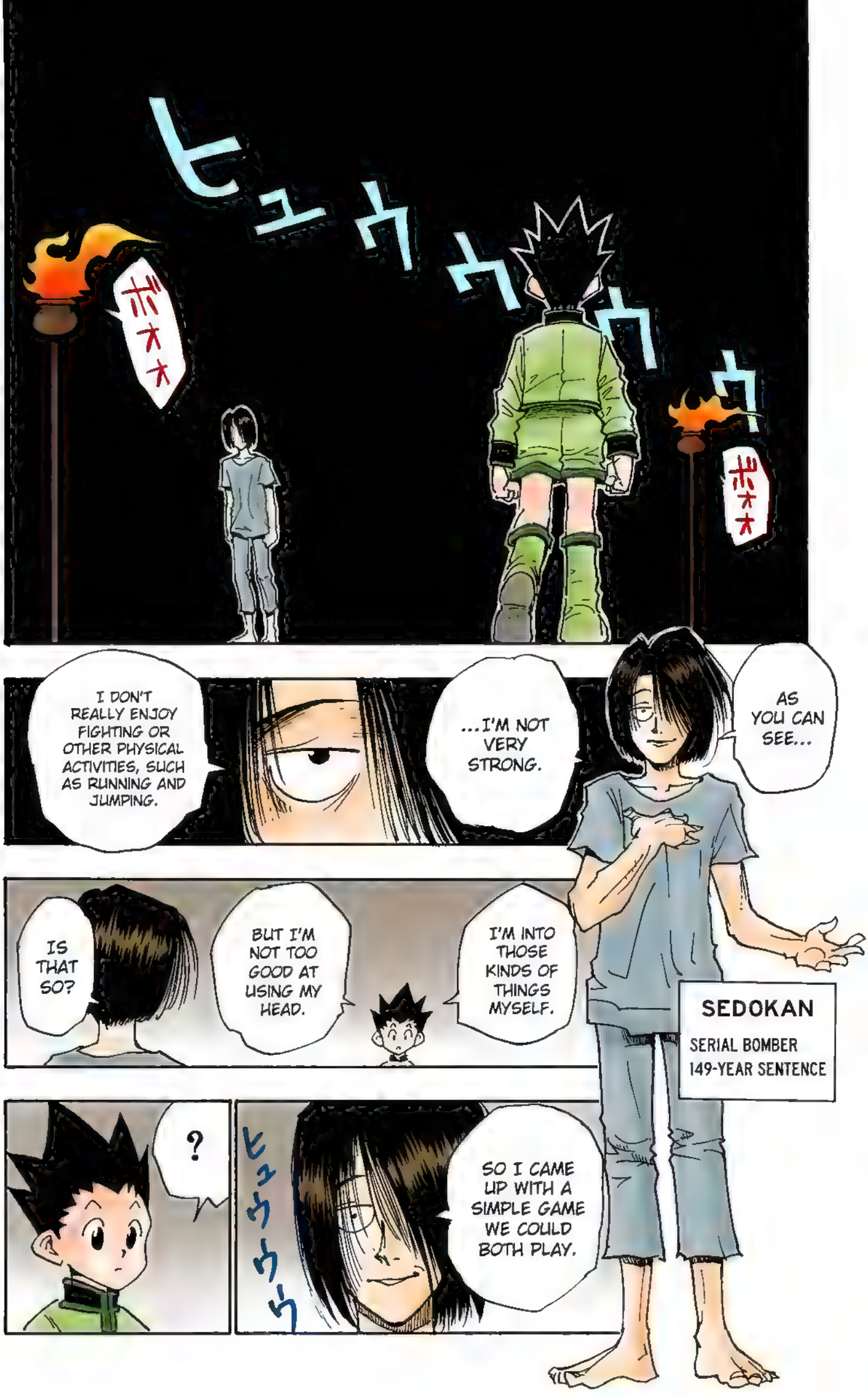
ME! I'LL GO!!
SO WHO'S GOING NEXT?
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD.
HEH HEH, NATURALLY, I TOOK ALL THAT INTO ACCOUNT...
HEE HEE
YEAH!
ARE YOU SURE?
WELL ...
THE NEXT GUY DOESN'T LOOK TOO STRONG.
HE'S STILL A CRIMINAL.
BUT DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
YOU MAY BE SIMPLE MINDED...
HE'S NOT A MUSCULAR ONE, THAT'S FOR SURE.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I DON'T REALLY ENJOY FIGHTING OR OTHER PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS RUNNING AND JUMPING.
...I'M NOT VERY STRONG.
AS YOU CAN SEE...
IS THAT SO?
BUT I'M NOT TOO GOOD AT USING MY HEAD.
I'M INTO THOSE KINDS OF THINGS MYSELF.
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SO I CAME UP WITH A SIMPLE GAME WE COULD BOTH PLAY.

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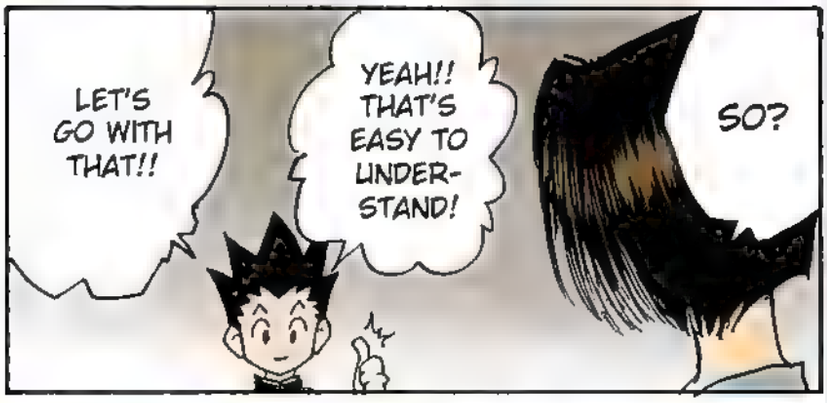
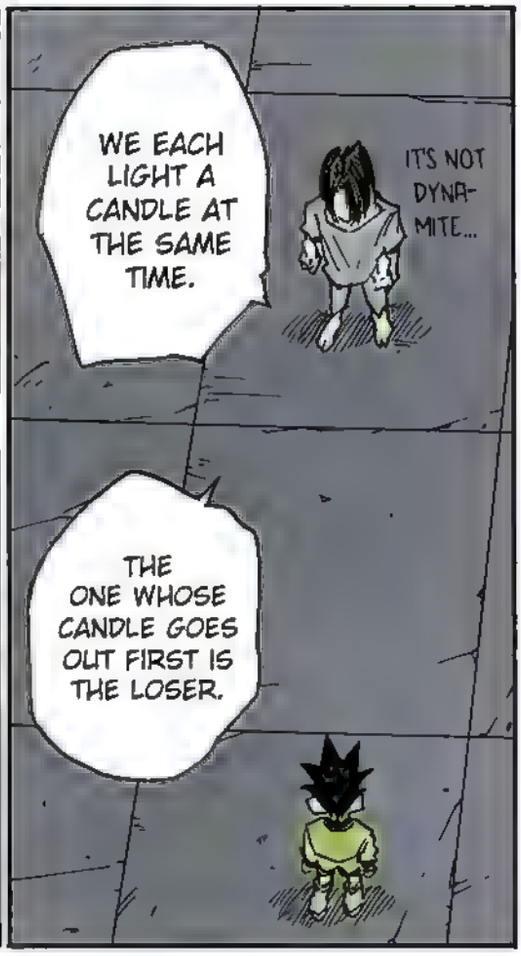
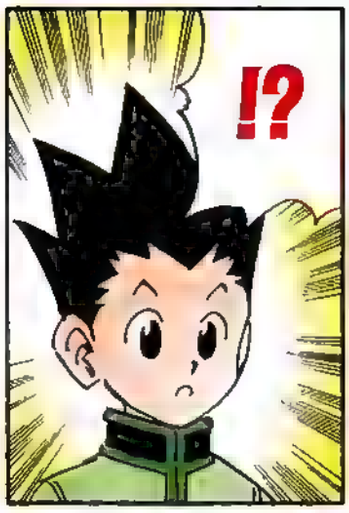

LET'S GO WITH THAT!!
YEAH!! THAT'S EASY TO UNDER-STAND!
SO?


WE EACH LIGHT A CANDLE AT THE SAME TIME.
IT'S NOT DYNA-MITE...
THE ONE WHOSE CANDLE GOES OUT FIRST IS THE LOSER.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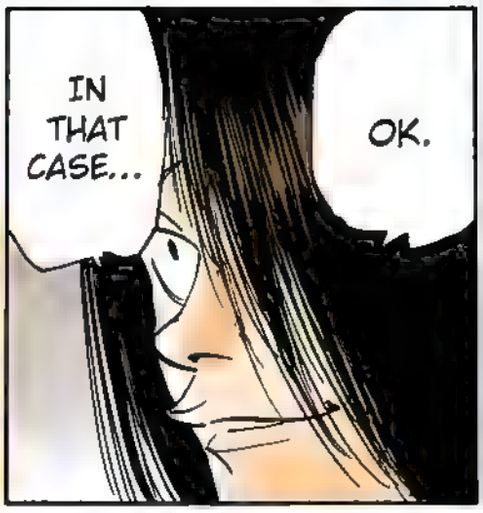
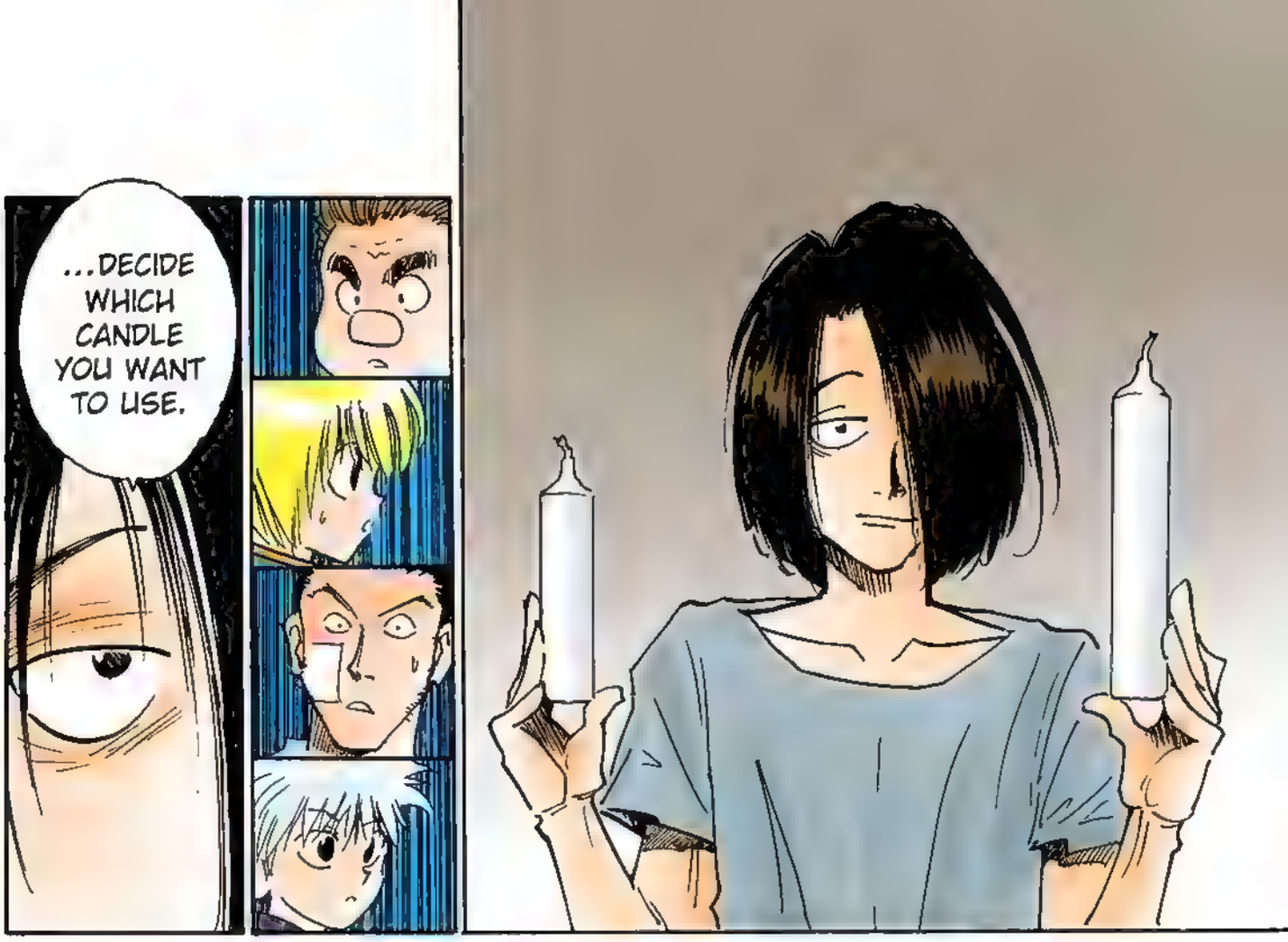
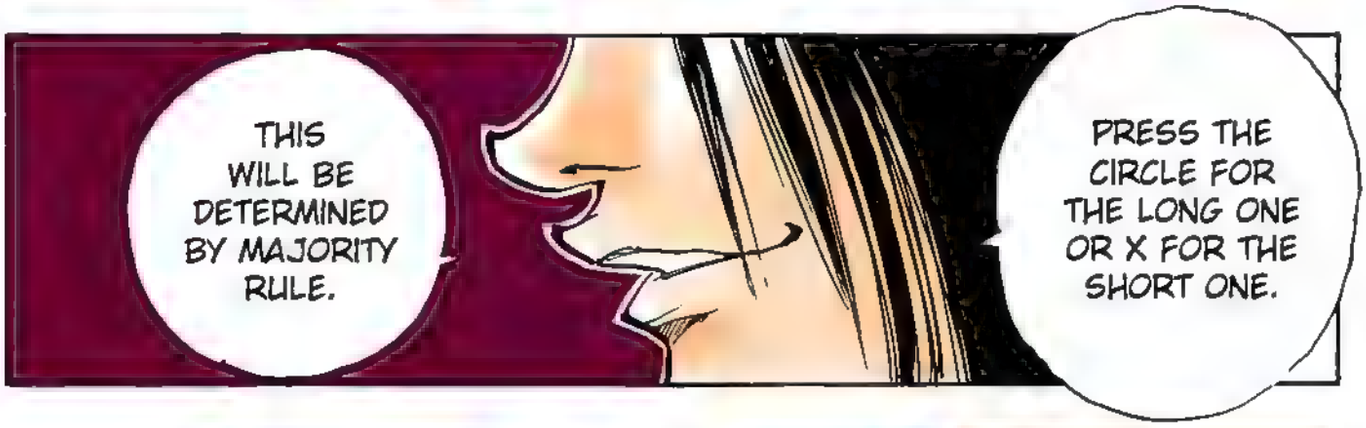
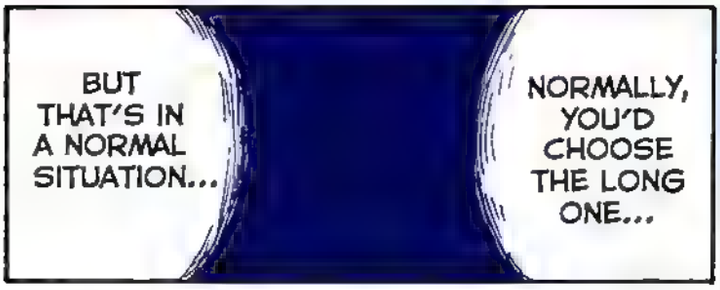
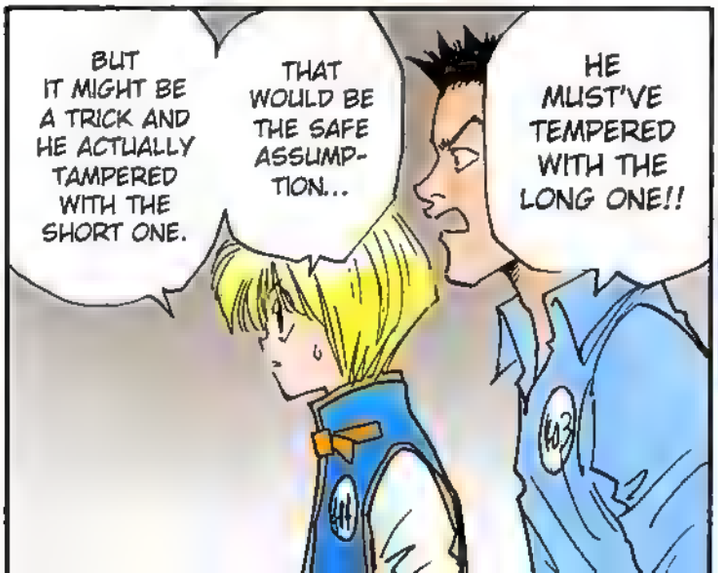

IN THAT CASE...
OK.

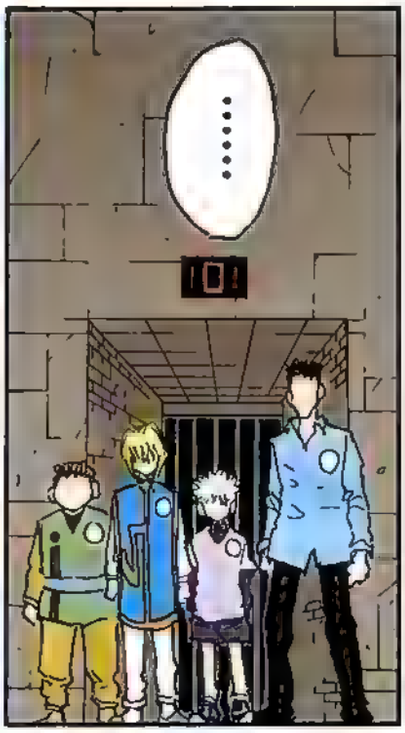

...DECIDE WHICH CANDLE YOU WANT TO USE.


THIS WILL BE DETERMINED BY MAJORITY RULE.
PRESS THE CIRCLE FOR THE LONG ONE OR X FOR THE SHORT ONE.


BUT THAT'S IN A NORMAL SITUATION...
NORMALLY, YOU'D CHOOSE THE LONG ONE...


BUT IT MIGHT BE A TRICK AND HE ACTUALLY TAMPERED WITH THE SHORT ONE.
THAT WOULD BE THE SAFE ASSUMPTION...
HE MUST'VE TEMPERED WITH THE LONG ONE!!

IT'S A TRAP ...!!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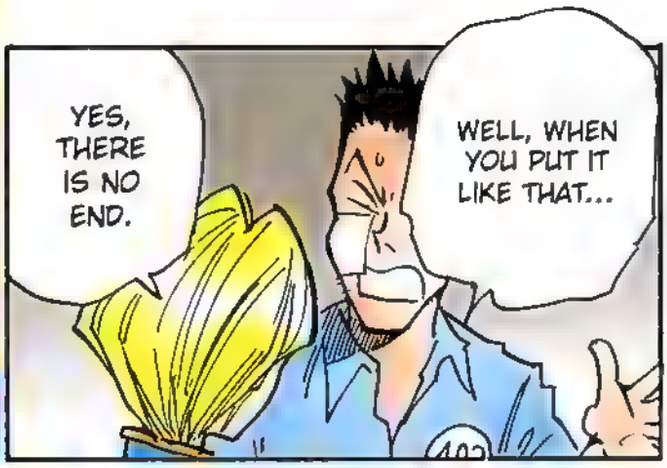
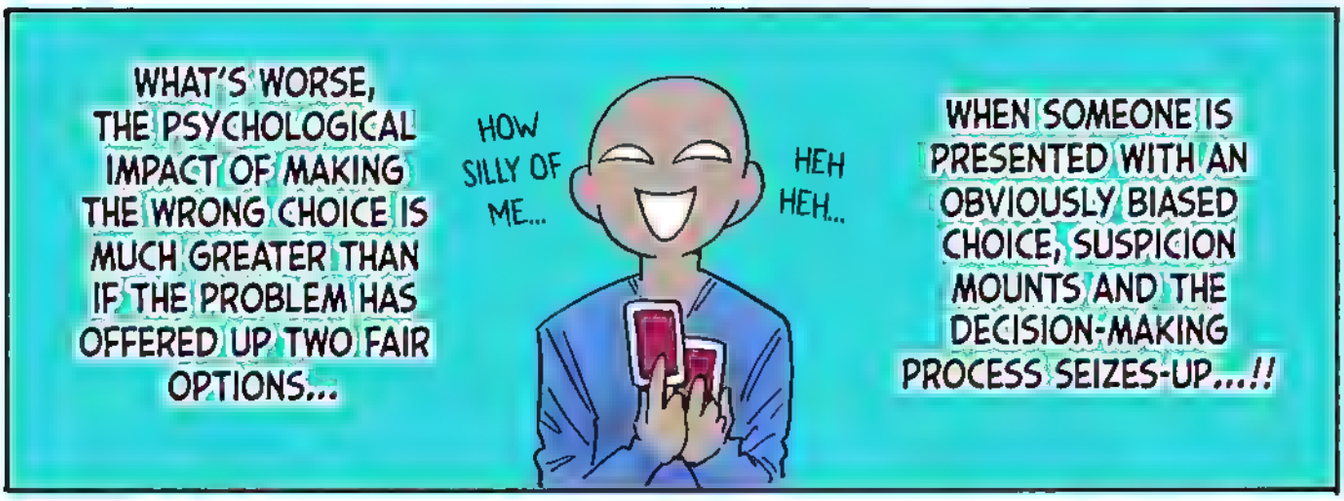
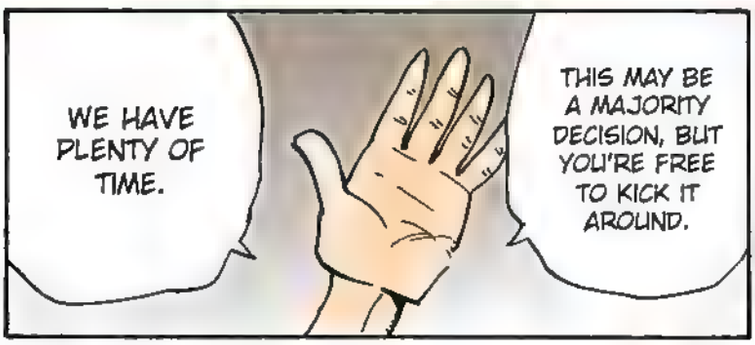
WE'RE FACED WITH A DISPARATE CHOICE.


YES, THERE IS NO END.
WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...


WHAT'S WORSE, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF MAKING THE WRONG CHOICE IS MUCH GREATER THAN IF THE PROBLEM HAS OFFERED UP TWO FAIR OPTIONS...
HOW SILLY OF ME...
HEH HEH...
WHEN SOMEONE IS PRESENTED WITH AN OBVIOUSLY BIASED CHOICE, SUSPICION MOUNTS AND THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS SEIZES-UP...!!


WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME.
THIS MAY BE A MAJORITY DECISION, BUT YOU'RE FREE TO KICK IT AROUND.

DISCUSS IT, TAKE YOUR TIME.
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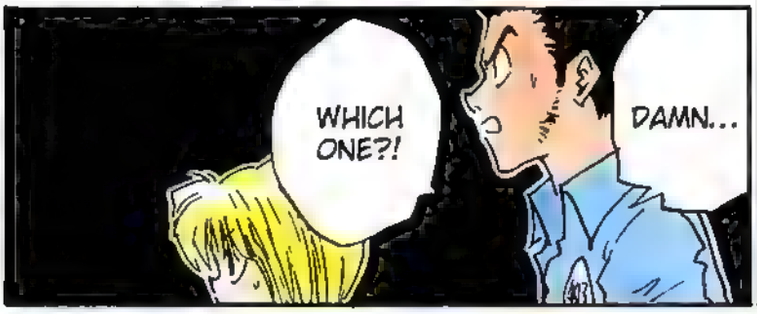
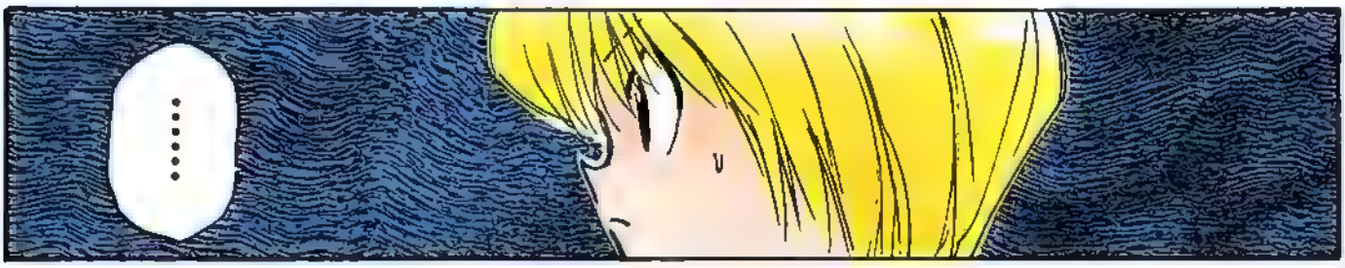

WHICH ONE?!
DAMN...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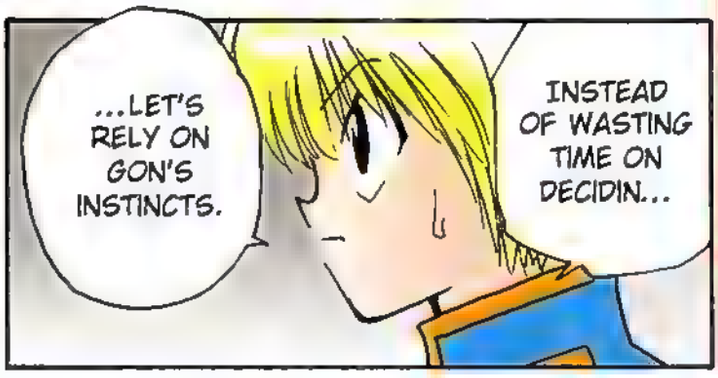
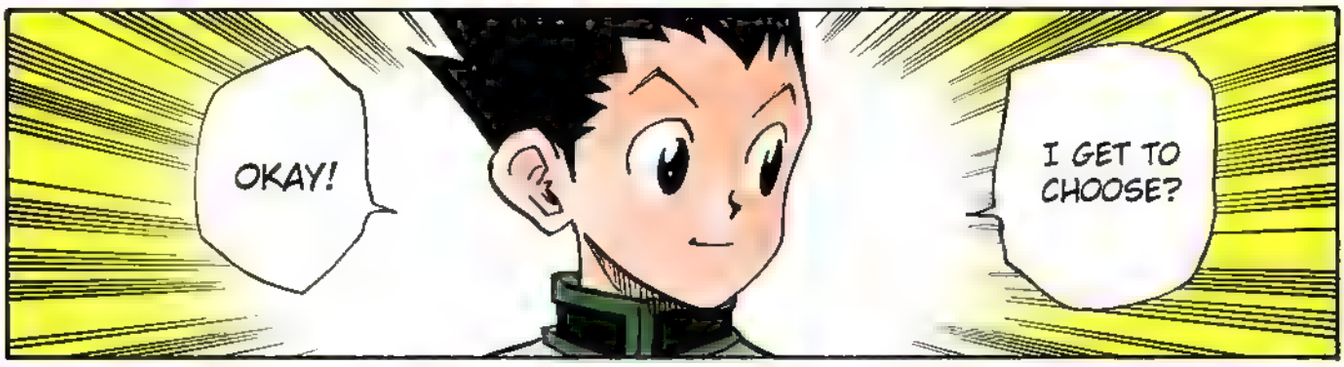
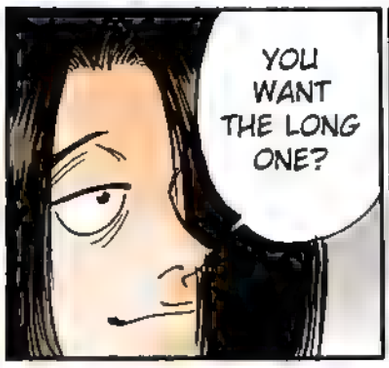
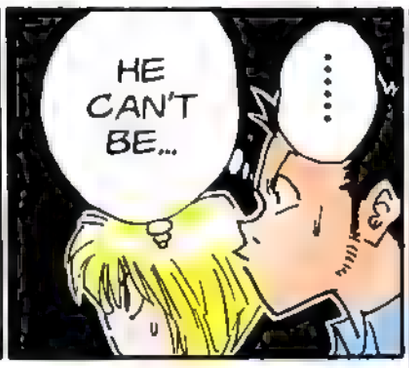
CHOOSE THE ONE YOU THINK IS BEST.
WE'LL ABIDE BY YOUR DECISION.

YOU DECIDE!
GON!!


...LET'S RELY ON GON'S INSTINCTS.
INSTEAD OF WASTING TIME ON DECIDIN...


OKAY!
I GET TO CHOOSE?


YOU WANT THE LONG ONE?


HE CAN'T BE...
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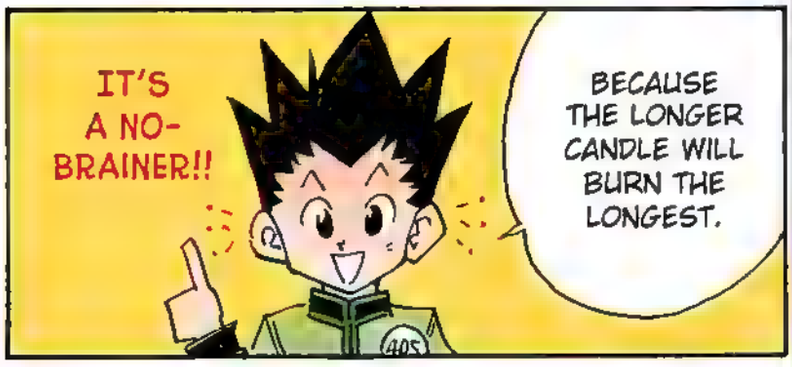
THEN I CHOSE THE LONG ONE.


IT'S A NO-BRAINER!!
BECAUSE THE LONGER CANDLE WILL BURN THE LONGEST.

HE CAN SAY THAT AGAIN...
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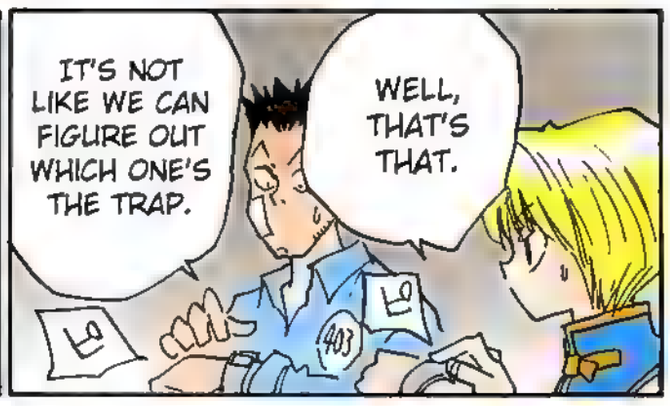
IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE'S THE TRAP.
WELL, THAT'S THAT.
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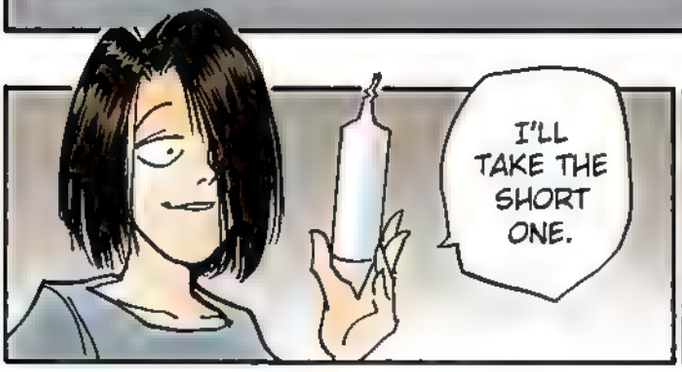
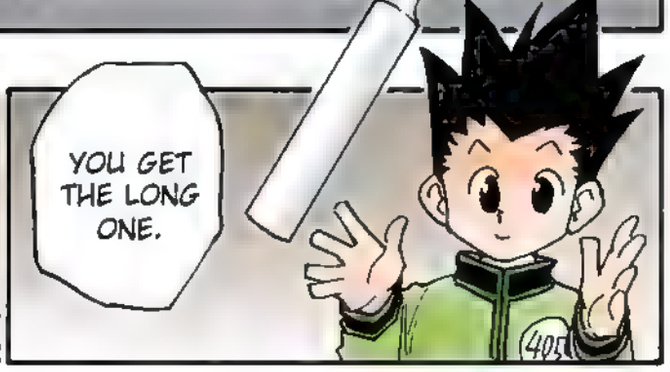

I'LL TAKE THE SHORT ONE.


YOU GET THE LONG ONE.
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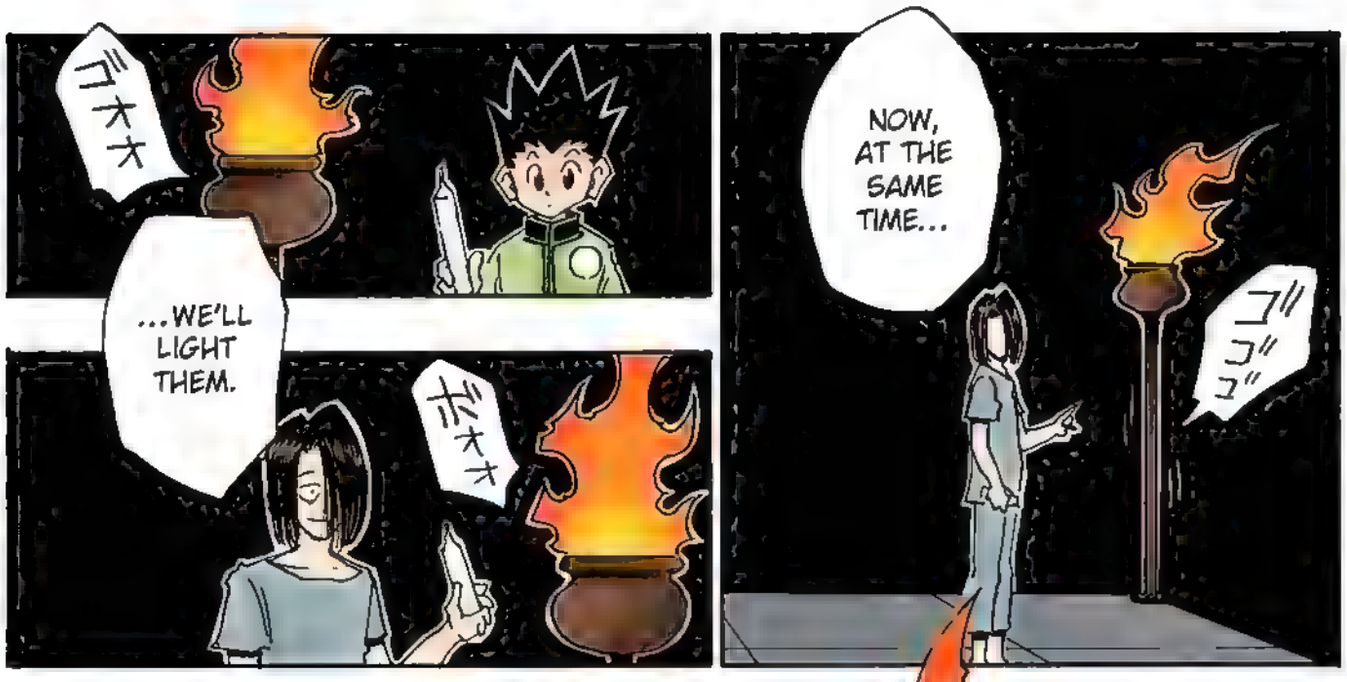
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...WE'LL LIGHT THEM.
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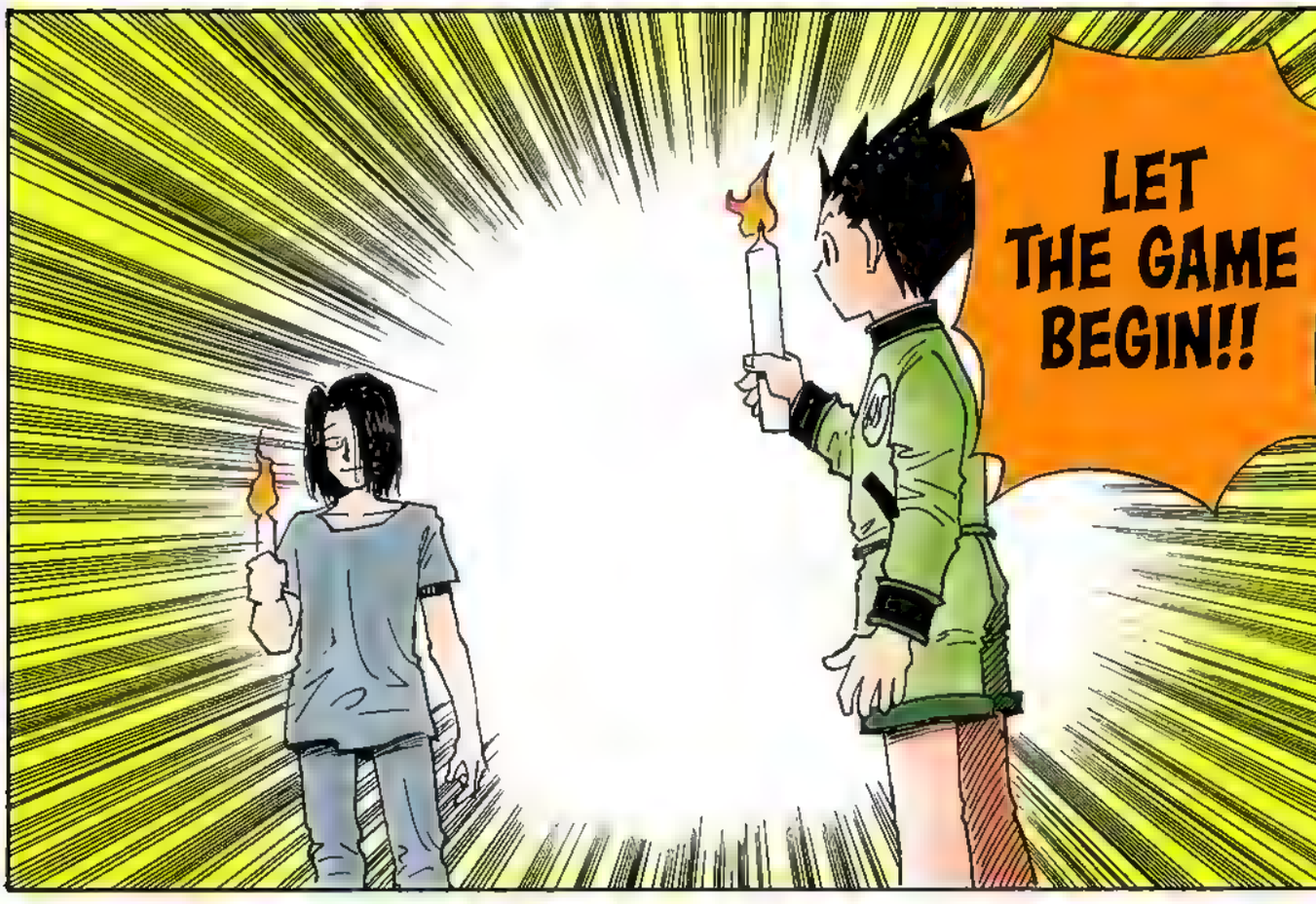
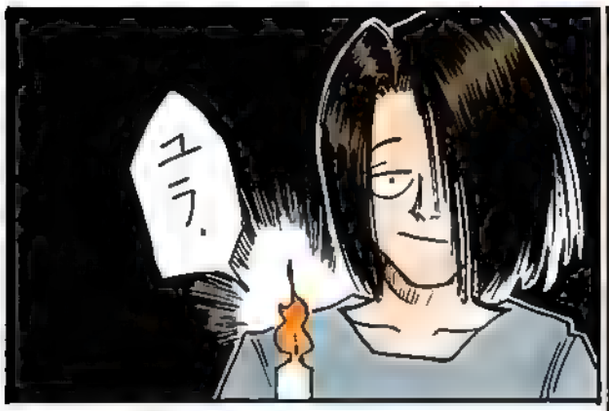

LET THE GAME BEGIN!!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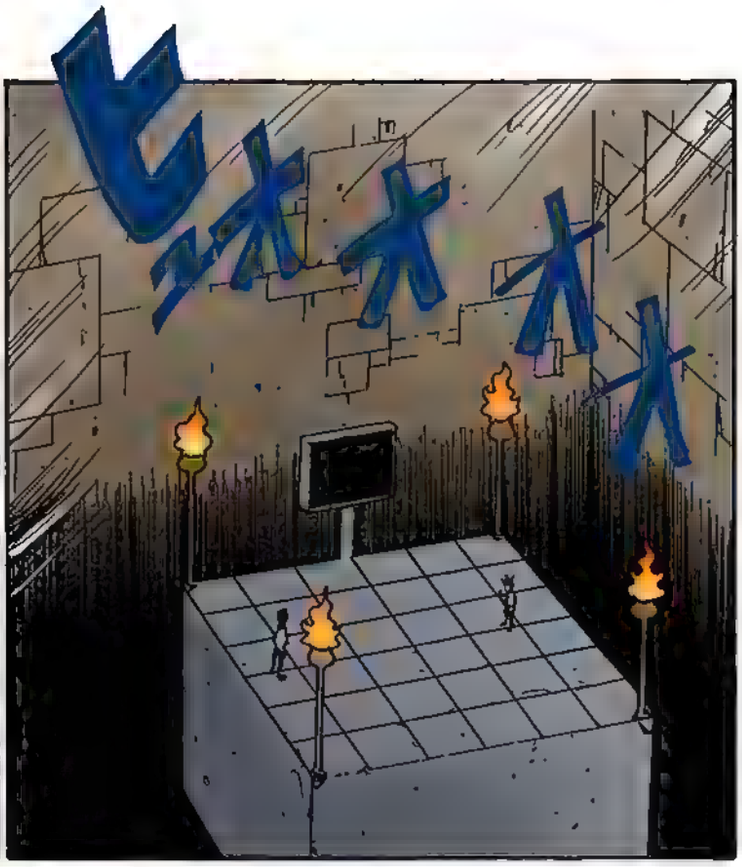
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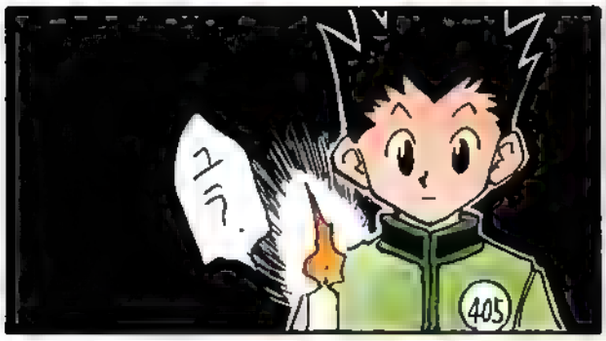
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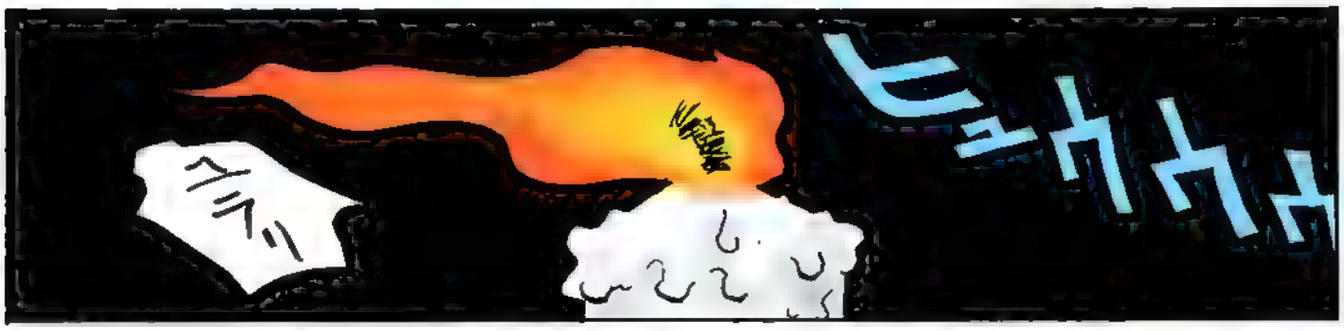
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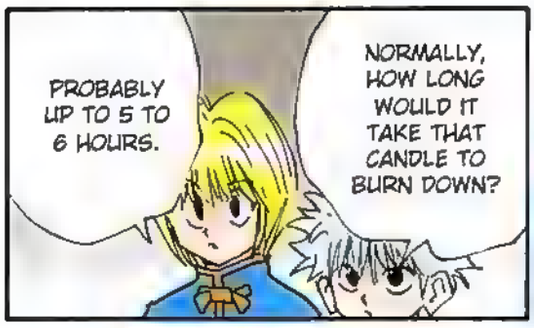
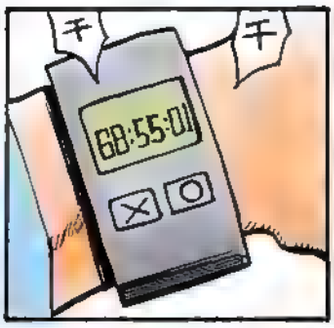

PROBABLY UP TO 5 TO 6 HOURS.
NORMALLY, HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE THAT CANDLE TO BURN DOWN?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CARE-FULL, CARE-FULL.
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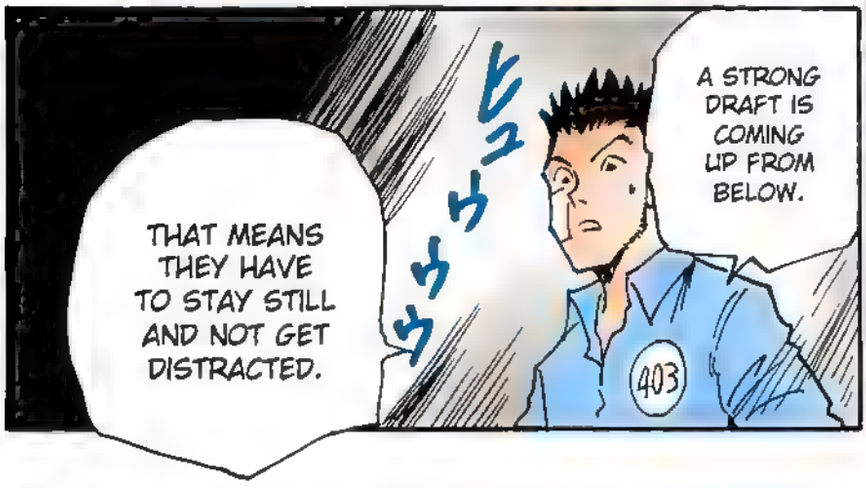
THAT MEANS THEY HAVE TO STAY STILL AND NOT GET DISTRACTED.
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A STRONG DRAFT IS COMING UP FROM BELOW.
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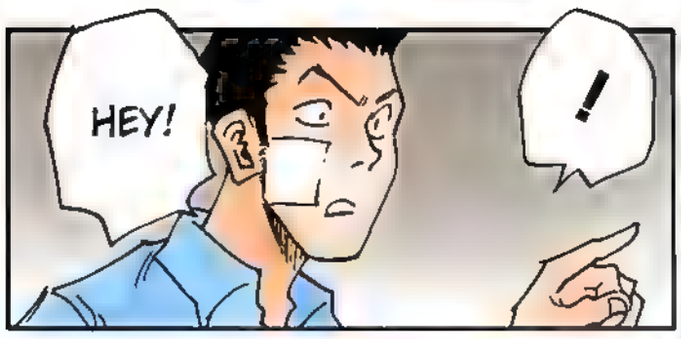
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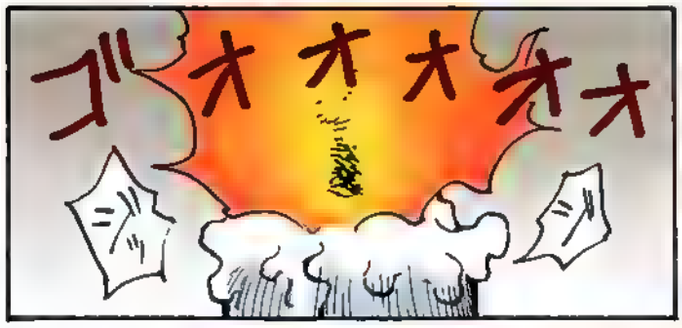
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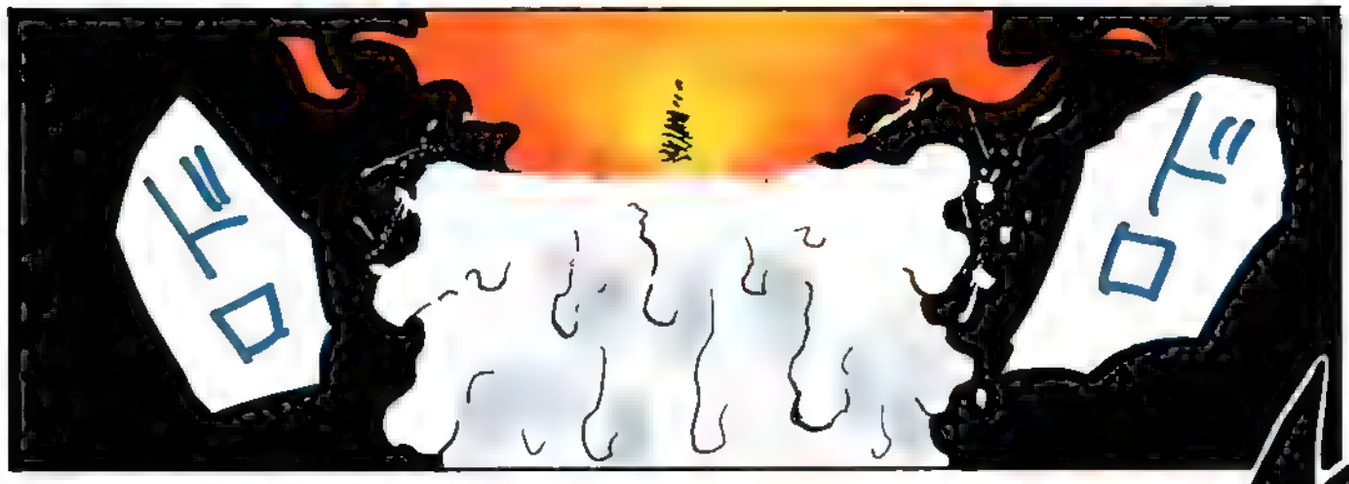
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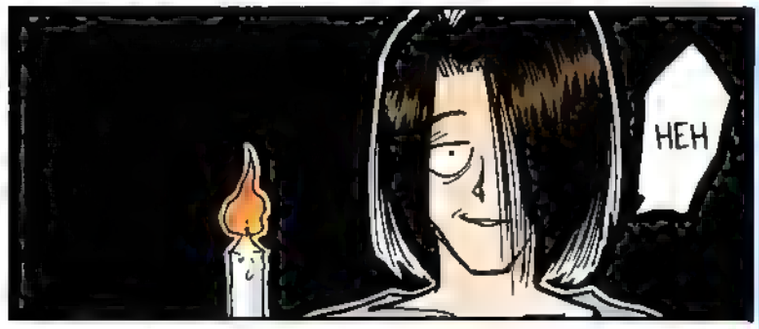
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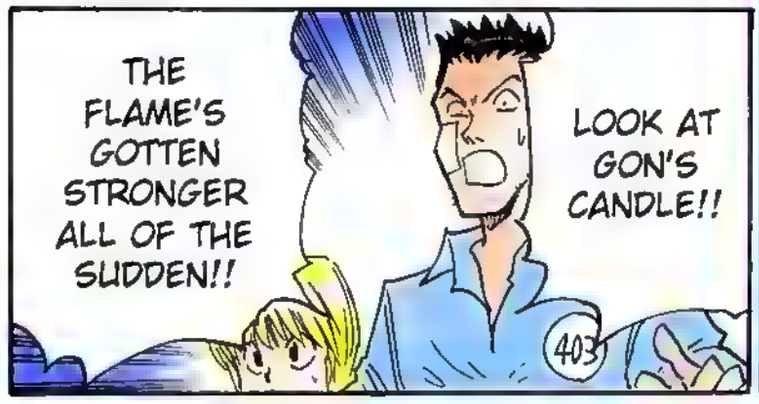
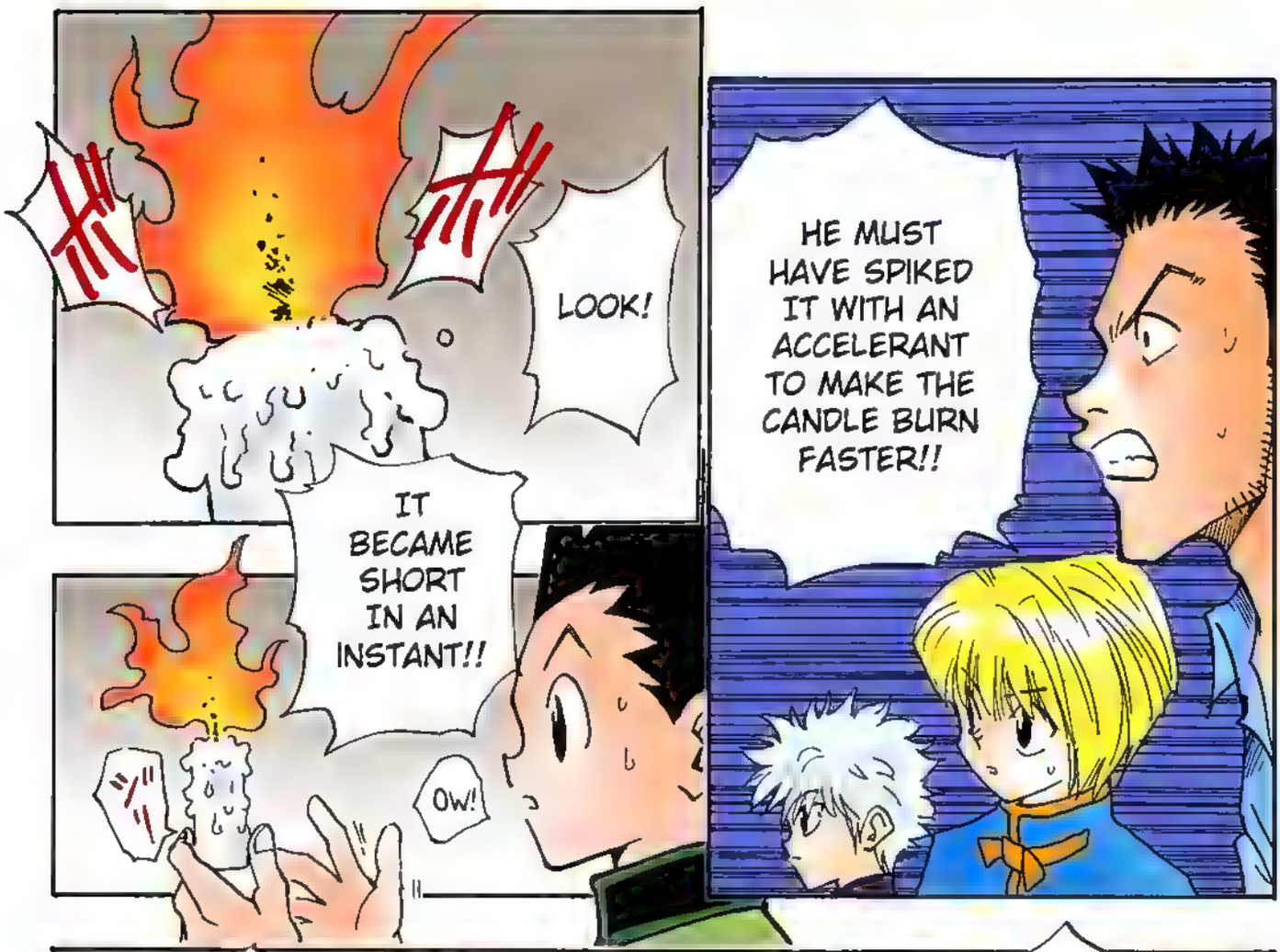
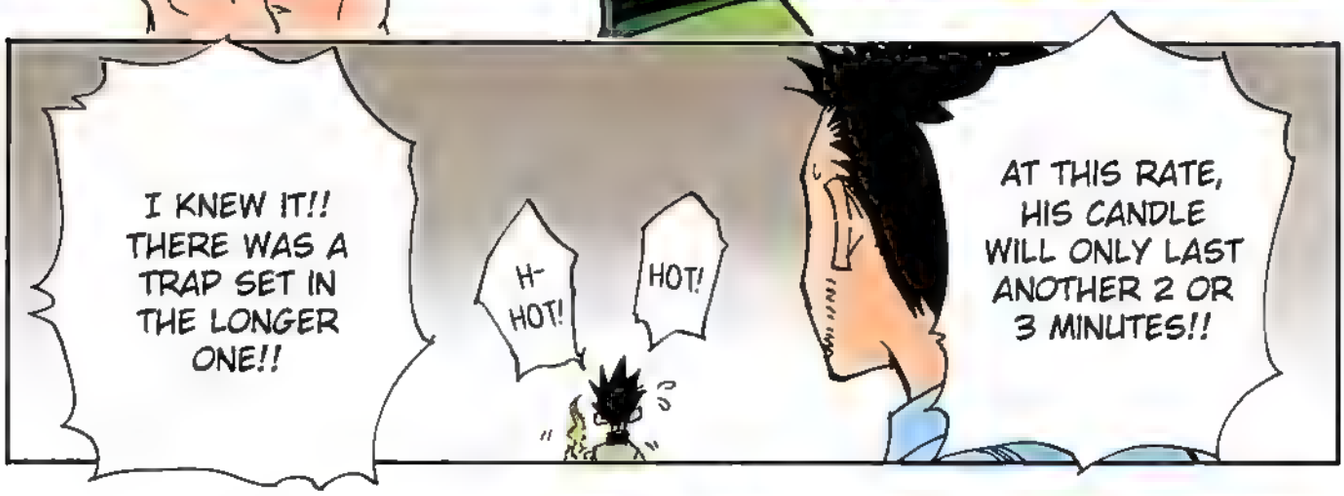
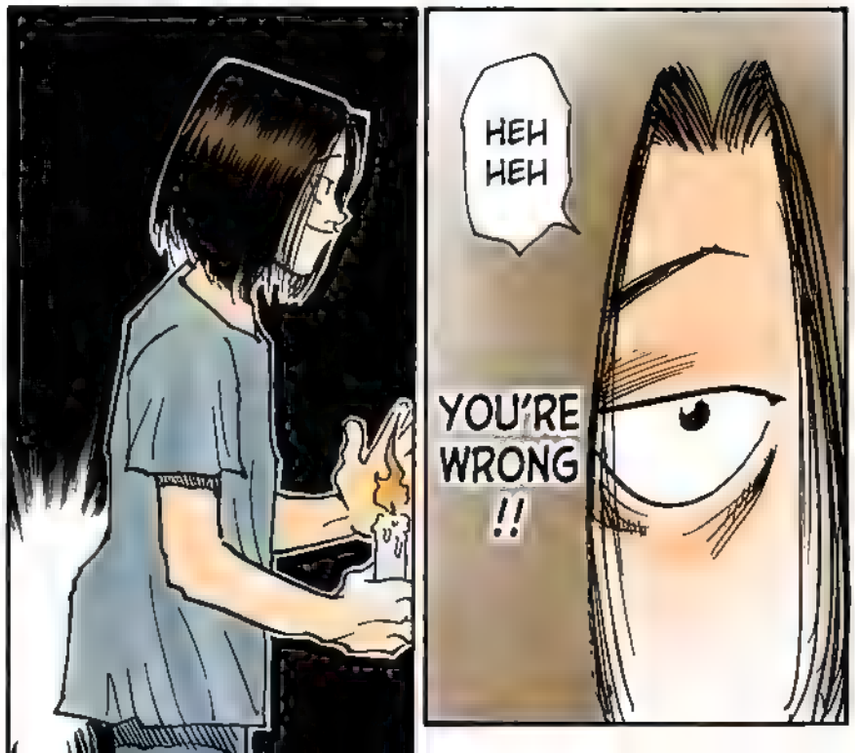

THE FLAME'S GOTTEN STRONGER ALL OF THE SUDDEN!!
LOOK AT GON'S CANDLE!!

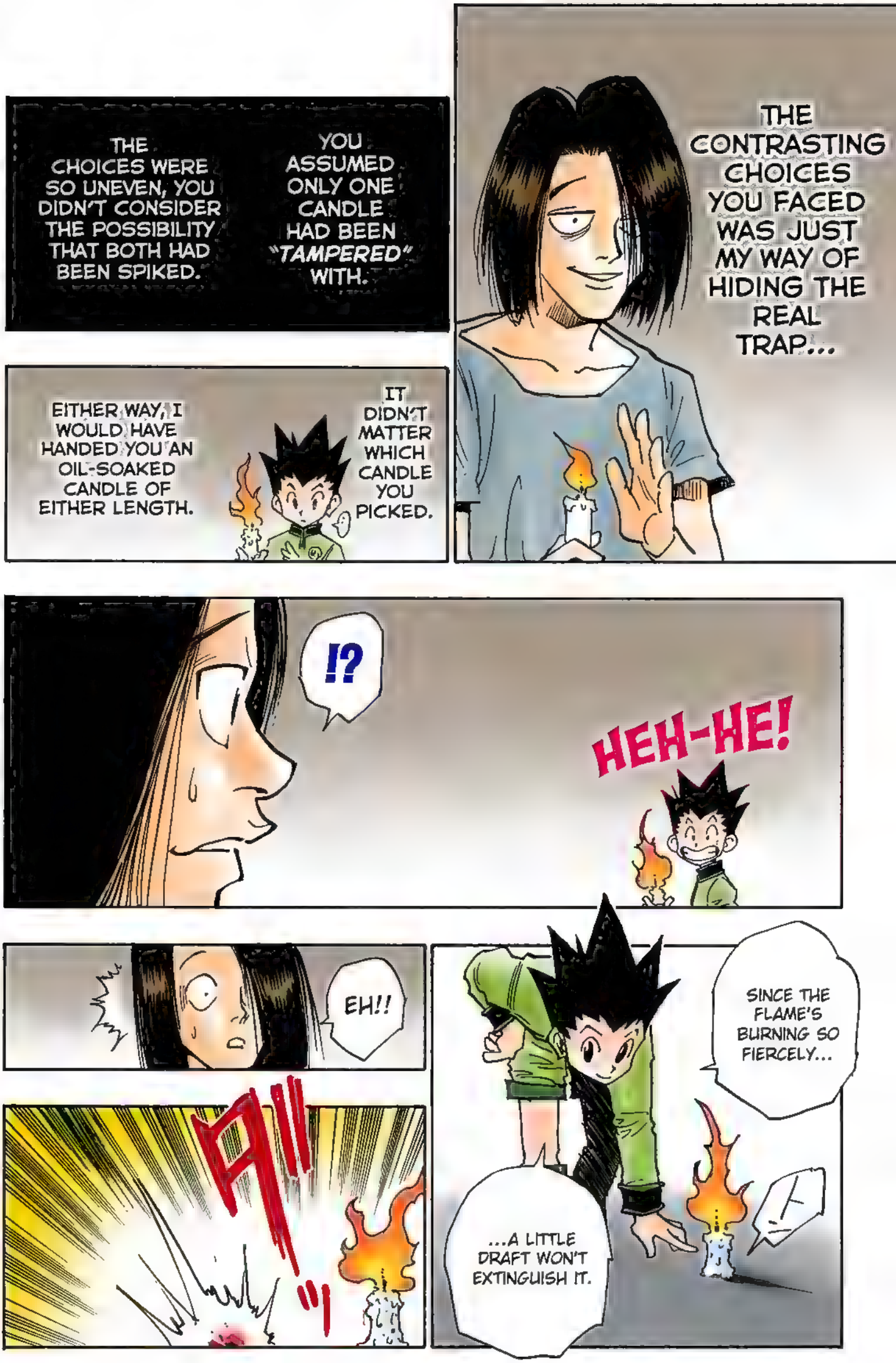



I PREPARED...

...4 CANDLES !!




THE CHOICES WERE SO UNEVEN, YOU DIDN'T CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT BOTH HAD BEEN SPIKED.
YOU ASSUMED ONLY ONE CANDLE HAD BEEN "TAMPERED" WITH.
THE CONTRASTING CHOICES YOU FACED WAS JUST MY WAY OF HIDING THE REAL TRAP...
EITHER WAY, I WOULD HAVE HANDED YOU AN OIL-SOAKED CANDLE OF EITHER LENGTH.
IT DIDN'T MATTER WHICH CANDLE YOU PICKED.
!?
HEH-HE!
EH!!
A!!!
SINCE THE FLAME'S BURNING SO FIERCELY...
...A LITTLE DRAFT WON'T EXTINGUISH IT.

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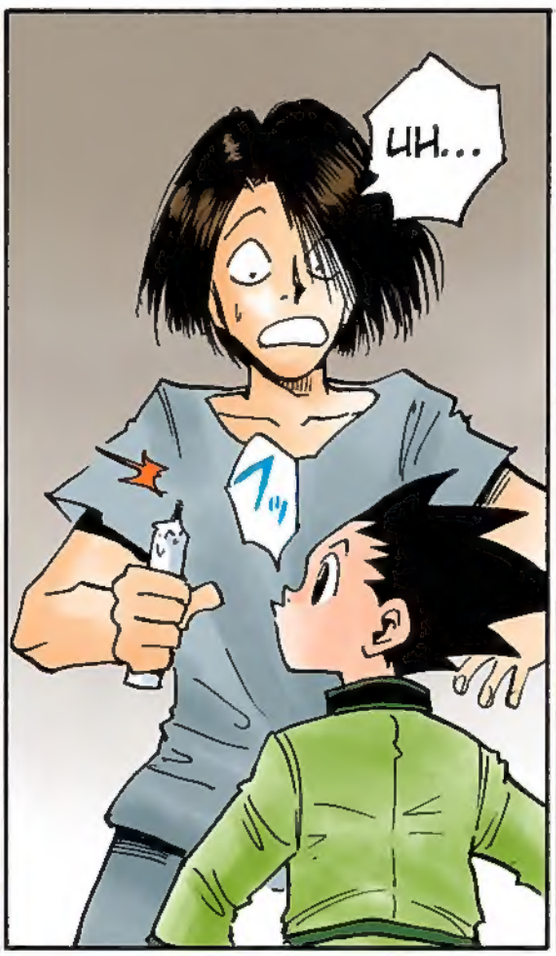
I WIN!!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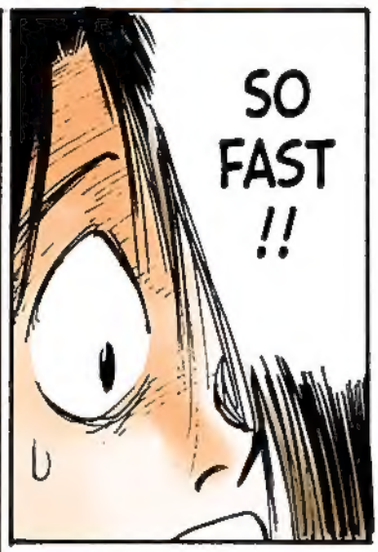
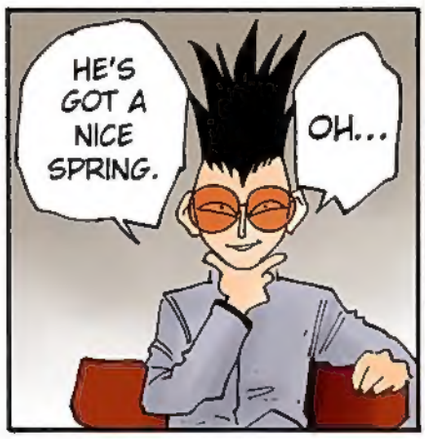
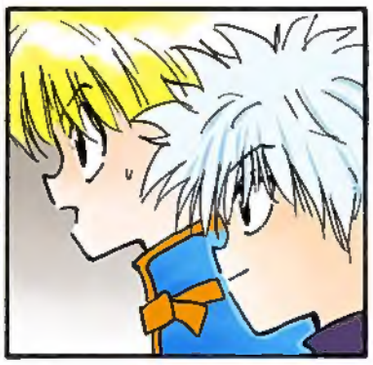

SO FAST !!


HE'S GOT A NICE SPRING.
OH...



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